

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Notice is hereby given pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §2, that the Department of Public Health (MDPH) has extended the time to receive written and oral testimony on a proposed new regulation, 105 CMR 201.000: Head Injuries and Concussions in Extracurricular Athletics. All testimony must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8, 2011.

In July 2010, the Massachusetts Legislature enacted An Act Relative to Safety Regulations for School Athletic Programs (MGL c.111, §222). The proposed regulations implement MGL c.111, §222, and will apply to all public middle and high schools and other schools subject to the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Hearings schedule: March 10th at 4:00 p.m. @ MDPH Western Regional Office, 23 Service Center, Northampton, MA and on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. @ MDPH, 250 Washington Street, Public Health Council Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Boston, MA. Speakers are requested to provide a written copy of their oral testimony.

The Department encourages all interested parties to submit testimony electronically to: [Reg.Testimony@state.ma.us](mailto:Reg.Testimony@state.ma.us). Please submit electronic testimony as an attached Word document or as text within the body of an email and type "Head Injuries and Concussions" in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender's full name and address. The Department will post all electronic testimony that complies with these instructions on its website. Parties who are unable to submit electronic testimony should mail submissions to LouAnn Stanton, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Public Health, 250 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108. All testimony must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8, 2011.

A copy of the proposed regulations may be viewed on the Department's website at: [www.mass.gov/dph](http://www.mass.gov/dph) under "Proposed Amendments to Regulations" and then selecting Head Injuries and Concussions in Extracurricular Athletics, or obtained by calling LouAnn Stanton, Office of General Counsel, at 617-624-5220.

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