



To: MIAA Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors  
From: Tara Bennett, MIAA Director of Communications  
Re: Revised MA EEA Guidelines  
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The MA Energy and Environmental Affairs Office released today a revision to the recently released WORKPLACE SAFETY and REOPENING STANDARDS FOR BUSINESSES and OTHER ENTITIES PROVIDING YOUTH and ADULT AMATEUR SPORTS ACTIVITIES, Phase III Step 2 document. These updates will be effective immediately upon the November 12, 2020 release.

Here is a summary of the updates which should provide additional and needed clarity to our Membership:

- **New exemption for masks (change):** Low risk sports are exempt from wearing masks during active play when participants can consistently maintain at least 14 feet distance from each other throughout the duration of active play (singles tennis, when XC runners are more than 14 feet apart, a solo gymnastics performance).
- **No out-of-state teams allowed to play at MA-facilities (no change):** A full team from another state cannot come here to play a game against another team. If a facility hosts an out-of-state team, they risk closure.
- **Out-of-state border athletes or coaches are subject to the travel order (change):** An individual athlete from a border state that plays on a Massachusetts based team primarily made up of Massachusetts athletes is subject to the travel order. No exceptions.
  - This means that any player who comes into the state from a non-low risk state has to test or quarantine every time the player enters.
  - While the travel order has an exception for “commuting to a place of work” there is no exception tied to volunteer sports activities.
- **A student from another state being educated in Massachusetts can participate in school affiliated sports in Massachusetts and is not subject to the travel order (clarified):** but only school-related athletics. They aren’t exempt from the travel order to play in a private league, for example.
- **MA-based teams or MA-based athletes & coaches that choose to travel must comply with the MA travel order (clarified):** if a player or team does not comply, the team or individual risks suspension of play/games.
  - Out-of-state travel is strongly discouraged.

- This means that if a MA team or player/coach travels to a non-low risk state, they have to test or quarantine when they come back to MA before they can return to work or school.
- **MA teams must ensure full compliance with the Travel Order:** Activity Organizer must ensure that every player or coach complies with the travel order. If they do not, then they risk suspension of play/games.

Below are links to the following informational documents:

[Updated EEA Guidelines – November 12, 2020](#)

[Massachusetts Travel Order](#)

[Massachusetts Department of Public Health Guidance](#)

