



Dear Parents-

- 1) The March 19, 2021 MDHHS Epidemic Order requires a testing protocol for athletes (ages 13-19) that begins Friday April 2, 2021. The order affects contact sports including ice hockey, soccer, boy's lacrosse, basketball, etc. Please know that all youth sports organizations in Michigan must participate in the MI Safer Sports Testing Program in order to keep teams playing for the remainder of the 2020-21 season and Spring 2021. The delay in getting you this information sooner was lack of details on the requirements provided to us by the MDHHS.
- 2) Rapid Antigen testing is appropriate for compliance with this order.
While we cannot make a recommendation on where to test, we understand that many of the CVS Pharmacies, Rite Aid, Kroger, and Walgreen's locations are offering COVID-19 testing at no charge. Many are appointment required.
- 3) Athletes in this age classification will be required to test once weekly and provide verification.
- 4) Athletes electing not to participate in the testing program, will not be allowed to participate in on ice team activity.
- 5) For the week beginning April 2, it will be necessary for your athlete to be Rapid Antigen tested. At any time during the EO testing period, you may choose to test at any licensed facility, school, community site, or local pharmacy. As long as your player's results are reported to MDHHS by that testing site (any licensed facility will do this), you are in compliance with this order. The actual testing company is responsible for results reporting directly to MDHHS, not the Compuware Youth Hockey.
- 6). We ask that you personally report any positive test results to CYH. If there is a positive case, we will go through our CDC protocols that we have been using all season.
- 7) Vaccinated players MUST STILL TEST - this is an MDHHS requirement.
- 8) If your player has tested positive for COVID within the last 90 days, and you have official documentation, your player does not need to test.
- 9) If your player receives a positive result with the Rapid test, we recommend that you call your family doctor to ask for an order to get a more advanced PCR test at a local facility. If that result comes back negative, your player is good to go. If that result also comes back positive, we ask that you contact us for next steps. While waiting for the results from the second test, your player will need to refrain from training and games with their team.
- 10) For the upcoming MAHA state championships in Taylor, beginning Monday for some teams, each participant is required to show up with a negative test within a weeks' time to their first game. The test can be a rapid or pcr test. The results are to be given to your team manager. The team manager is to create a folder with the team roster and have a negative test (hard copy with the players name, test result, and date of test) in the folder for each player on the roster that will then be presented to the Championship Committee. If a player does not have a negative test result in the folder, they will not be allowed to participate.
Athletes must test on a weekly basis so it is possible that your first test can become expired during the tournament based on when the athlete originally tested, in which case the athlete would have to retest to stay current. The athlete then must provide your team manager with a current negative test which must be submitted to the MAHA office at states.
If we cannot participate in a game as a team, we will have 0-1 forfeit.
WE ARE EXPECTING ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE ROLLED OUT TONIGHT FROM THE MAHA.

11) For Compuware Youth Hockey to be in compliance with the EO as a sport organizer, each team will have to document that each player is compliant. Parents need to send the team manager the test results. (It should include the player's name, date of test and results.) It is within your right to not want to provide this information; however, in that case your player will not be able to participate in any on ice activity.

12) The MDHHS order is set to expire April 22. At this point, we are uncertain if the order will be extended. If the order were to be extended, we are studying these three options:

- 1) In house testing where each team would self test with antigen kits provided by the MDHHS.
- 2) Continue with local community testing.
- 3) Contracting a private contractor to perform the testing.

Each option has advantages and disadvantages.

MAHA continues to provide guidance on requirements, as those impact us, we will communicate with you. We appreciate your patience as we navigate all these challenges and hope that the end is in sight.

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