



Michigan State Youth Soccer Association

MSYSA CLUB AND LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE CALL QUESTIONS

The below questions, in bold, were asked by our direct members on our Zoom call Friday, March 26, 2021. The answers below each question are direct responses from a MDHHS representative emailed to us on March 30, 2021.

1. **Can MSYSA secure a 'CLIA waiver' on behalf of our member clubs/leagues or should they continue to do this on their own?**

Non-profit organizations can obtain a CLIA waiver for various sites/ clubs. Please contact MDHHS-SportsCOVIDinfo@michigan.gov for more information about this process.

2. **Are there free testing sites across the state, including UP and for those in rural, inner city areas?**

Yes! You can find options for free COVID-19 testing in the community via our website: <https://www.solvehealth.com/search?cobrandedSrpLocation=MI>.

3. **Do families receive email confirmations on test taking, with results? (This is important because of upcoming games/tournaments)**

Since rapid antigen tests produce results within 20 minutes of administration, your sports organization can set up a process for notifying families of those results if you conduct them onsite. MDHHS will not be providing testing results or confirmations to individuals or families after they are submitted to our reporting system.

4. **If testing has occurred for student athletes in school how will club soccer know? Should they do another test for club soccer?**

If a student athletes obtain COVID-19 testing outside of the testing their sports organization provides, that athlete may present evidence of a negative COVID-19 test to their club in lieu of testing with the club that week. Athletes would not have to duplicate testing.

5. **Do athletes, ages 18-19, who are fully vaccinated need to be tested starting April 2?**

At this time, MDHHS is requiring testing for all athletes ages 13 – 19, even if they have received the final dose of an FDA-approved or authorized COVID-19 vaccine.



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6. Does HIPPA come into play, in any way, with the testing youth athletes (club)?

Schools and sports organizations will be entering test results directly into a portal for the Michigan Disease Surveillance System (MDSS), the state's system for reporting communicable diseases. Results will only be used for public health monitoring purposes – not sold or shared with law enforcement agencies. This process does not, on its own, create FERPA- or HIPAA-covered records in MDSS. To the extent HIPAA applies to you as a reporting entity, reporting this data is a public health activity that is permitted under HIPAA. To the extent FERPA applies to the records to be reported it is up to the school/sports organization to either obtain the necessary FERPA consent or determine that an exception under FERPA applies.

MDHHS has supplied [a template consent form](#) for schools/sports organizations to build upon based on their own needs and processes for this pilot. If a school/sports organization creates its own process or forms, then that school/sports organization should consult its own lawyers about compliance with relevant privacy laws. Participating schools/sports organizations should have a plan in place to securely retain any records developed for this program, in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws, and provide them to MDHHS upon request at any time.

7. For those clubs that choose to test via the MI Safer Sports Testing Program, where/how do they secure Biohazardous containers? Where are these containers returned?

Used antigen tests should be disposed of as biohazardous waste materials in an appropriately labeled biohazard bag, in compliance with manufacturer's disposal instructions and to comply with the CLIA waiver that allows these tests to be used on-site.

MDHHS cannot provide biohazard pick-up or disposal. You may be able to work with local police or fire or a local health care provider to share biohazard pick-up and disposal contracts. You can find a list of Michigan-based medical waste disposal services

here: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/whm-stsws-medical-waste-disposal-services-200704_192787_7.pdf.

8. Are there any specific, club sports, training videos that MSYSA can share with our clubs and leagues? (e.g. what to do, how to do it, etc. from start to finish?)

Absolutely. MDHHS has a Rapid Antigen Testing Training Series on our website, which includes videos, FAQs, and other materials to assist with the testing process: https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_104699_104700_105077-550434--,00.html.



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9. **How do we (MSYSA) verify that players got tested? Email confirmations? Will we have access to club/league submissions?**

Your organization has the flexibility to determine how you'd like to verify testing protocols for your clubs/ leagues. Options include, but are not limited to: time stamped photos of students holding negative test cards, reports from a lab, or the NAVICA app which pairs with certain rapid antigen tests.

10. **May teams 13-19 train in non-contact ways if they are not testing as of April 2?**

MDHHS expects all sports teams involving individuals ages 13-19 to enroll in the MI Safer Sports Testing Program by April 1 and have a plan to begin weekly testing (or more frequently if required for their sport) within one week of April 2. Teams could start training before they start the testing, so long as the testing begins on or before April 8. If a team does not plan to enroll in the program by April 1 and begin testing on or before April 8, they may not operate, even via non-contact methods. If a team is concerned about this timeline, please reach out to us with the specific concerns and we will try to assist with the process.

11. **Is there a plan to extend the existing testing order beyond April 19?**

The duration of the sports testing requirements will depend on the most updated COVID-19 data in the state, which we will continue to re-evaluate.