



Special Olympics Massachusetts Return to Activities Protocol as of Tuesday, April 12:

Since the start of the COVID -19 pandemic, Special Olympics Massachusetts has worked to effectively and efficiently return to activities in the safest possible way for all of athletes, volunteers, supporters and staff. In doing so, SOMA has monitored three sets of guidelines – CDC, the State of Massachusetts and Special Olympics Incorporated. As of February 28, 2022, all levels of protocol have been updated. With the new protocol, SOMA now falls into the low risk category. Statistics as of Monday, April 11, 2022 has the state of Massachusetts as follows:

- Transmission rate of 3.00%
- An average daily case # of 22
- Fully vaccinated rate of 78.4%; 89% have received at least their first dose and 55% are boosted

Changes that will be implemented starting **Tuesday, April 12:**

- Indoor sports and activities:
 - Masks will be optional while training and competing; masks are recommended when not training or competing and for all spectators
 - Young Athletes program participants and unvaccinated coaches should wear a mask at all times
 - no on-site screening required
- Outdoor sports and activities:
 - Masks are optional for all participants and spectators who are vaccinated; *unvaccinated* participants sand spectators should wear masks at all times;
 - Young Athletes, where participants and *unvaccinated* coaches should wear a mask
 - No on-site screening required
- Event logistics:
 - No restriction on meals; servers are strongly recommended
 - No restriction of size but may need to adhere to local/facility rules if applicable
- Transportation to events:
 - Masks are still required on all transportation unless all participants are vaccinated

SOMA will continue to monitor statistics. Providing the state stays within the low risk category, SOMA will continue with the changes listed above as we move into the summer season. If at any time the risk category changes for a consistent timeframe and the state moves into the moderate risk category, protocol changes will have to be made.

Please note the Communicable Disease Waiver will be required for all participants once a medical or volunteer class A application is renewed, the waiver will be within the release (effective January 2022).