



March 31, 2021

Dear [PARENT/COACH/SOCCER ATHLETE],

On March 20th, 2021, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) announced that contact sports in the state could continue, as long as teams and athletes follow certain safety measures spelled out in its March 20th epidemic order and the [MDHHS Guidance for Athletics](#).

Both the epidemic order and the MDHHS Guidance for Athletics require athletes to wear masks during practices and competition for all sports where it is deemed safe to do so. All participants over the age of 13 must be tested for COVID-19 before participating in sports activities.

To support our athletes, their families, and our community, our club will be offering free rapid antigen testing to eligible student athletes and staff. Your soccer athlete will be required to receive weekly COVID-19 tests to provide an extra measure of safety during practice and competition.

Testing will occur every week before the first practice on Monday and Tuesday. The test entails a simple swab, less than one inch into the nostril, and the individual being tested can self-swab. Individuals receive results of the test in 15 minutes. Athletes that test negative can continue with practice or competition. Anyone that tests positive will be sent home immediately to self-isolate. If an athlete can produce a negative PCR test within 48 hours of the positive antigen test and remains symptom-free, they can return to play. Athletes who have recovered from confirmed COVID-19 in the past three months and remain symptom-free may participate in athletics without testing if they can provide a letter from their doctor attesting that they fall into this category. **Any athlete that has symptoms of COVID-19 at any time should stay home and not attend practice or competition.**

You can choose not to participate in COVID-19 testing. However, without participating in testing, your athlete will not be able to practice or compete.

If you do wish to participate in COVID-19 testing, please sign and return the attached Code of Conduct and Consent Registration Form at your first test day. For subsequent tests player provides name and birthdate then SWM volunteer will retrieve your provided Consent / Registration form.

COVID-19 testing is just one of many ways our club is working to help keep student athletes, coaches, and families safe from the virus. MSYSA and SWM SC is also requiring masks to be worn whenever possible, screening for symptoms before practice or play, capping the number of spectators at practices and competitions, and encouraging social distancing. Please continue with all the protocols and guidelines implemented in the fall.

The health and safety of our athletes, their families, and our entire community is important to us. Thank you for your continued support of your student athlete and our school community.

If you have additional questions about COVID-19 safety measures at SWM, please contact (Jay Meeth 217.381.3524) If you have additional questions about the MI Safer Sports testing program, please visit www.Michigan.gov/sportscovidinfo.

Thank you,
Gil Urban
President SWM SC