



## San Diego CIF Section: A Shared Vision for Education Based Athletics

**TO:** CIF San Diego Section

**FROM:** Joe Heinz, Commissioner  
Todd Cassen, Assistant Commissioner

**SUBJECT:** **Guidance Update of Indoor Sports/Masks for Basketball**

**DATE:** November 15, 2021

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San Diego Section Leaders.

Earlier today we received the following message from the San Diego County Public Health Department regarding the current requirement for the masking of student athletes while participating indoors for the sport of Basketball:

*On behalf of Dr. Wilma Wooten, MD, San Diego County Public Health Officer, masking for San Diego County athletes during indoor play for any sport is not mandatory provided routine screening testing is conducted prior to competition to include practices.*

*Testing will be required twice per week with negative test results within 24-48 hours prior to competition to ensure the greatest level of COVID transmission prevention can be achieved while addressing the unique nature of different sports competition schedules to include tournaments.*

*This guidance does not prohibit athletes from wearing face coverings during indoor sports competitions or practices.*

*Coaches, staff, and observers are required to continue wearing masks indoors during a competition or practice, as are players that are not actively participating in the sport.*

*Continue to reference and follow the California Department of Public Health, School Year 2021-2022 K-12 Framework, and associated FAQs for other guidance pertaining to face coverings in a school setting.*



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### Implications for San Diego Section Member Schools:

Based upon this updated guidance, San Diego Section Member Schools, **located within San Diego County**, now have the option to begin regular Covid-19 Testing (Antigen or PCR) for their student athletes in place of wearing a mask while indoors for either a practice or contest setting for the sport of basketball. Testing is required to be completed twice a week, in which test results are available within 48 hours of any competitions.

All other personnel, game management, spectators, coaches, officials, and players not currently participating in the contest are required to be masked throughout the entirety of the event.

Our entire San Diego Section Team would like to thank you for your patience on this matter, and we would especially like to thank Mr. Gary Johnson and Dr. Wilma Wooten with the San Diego County Public Health Department for making this option possible for our student athletes within San Diego County.

We will be hosting a Commissioner's Access meeting on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 4 p.m. to review the updated guidance and answer any questions you may have.

Thank you, and do not hesitate to reach out to our office should you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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