

Dear Parents, Guardians, Students and Staff: ([en Español](#))

In accordance with new guidance issued Wednesday, February 9, 2022 afternoon by the Illinois High School Association (IHSA), masks will not be required at this time for District 211 competitors or spectators at District 211 home events nor at MSL events.

The IHSA recommends following the All Sports Guidance, which includes wearing masks, but states it is not required and said requirements are determined by the host school.

Athletes and activity participants should be aware that when traveling to schools outside the MSL to compete, the IHSA requires that we follow the host school's requirements for masking. Parents and students will be notified in advance if we are traveling to a host site that requires masks.

This decision mirrors the practices in place now during District 211's school day. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the wearing of masks, but they are not required in District 211 schools. Masks are required on all public transportation, including school buses, in line with the CDC order.

We continue to be in touch with legal counsel and public health agencies to ensure we are following all requirements and guidance while providing a safe and productive environment for our entire District 211 learning community.

We are aware there have been significant changes in a short time period. The safety, health and well-being of our staff and students is a top priority and we appreciate your flexibility and continued patience as we navigate changing directives in our schools.

We will update you if there are any changes to the current status.

Sincerely,

Lisa Small, Ed.D.
Superintendent