

Maine Maritime Academy Athletics

2021-2022 COVID-19 Protocols (Updated August 18, 2021)

Vaccination Status

- All Maine Maritime students must begin vaccination no later than October 15, 2021.
 - Unvaccinated students or undisclosed students will be unenrolled on 10/15.
 - Medical exemptions will be made.
 - Religious exemptions will not be granted.
- Unvaccinated students and staff will mask in all athletic venues, modes of transportation and any other team activities.
 - Students or staff who do not disclose vaccination status are regarded as unvaccinated.
 - Unvaccinated students will submit for weekly PCR tests at their expense; undisclosed coaches and athletic staff will submit to the Maine Maritime Academy surveillance testing program.
 - Unvaccinated students and staff must be masked at all times, including during practice and competition.
 - Student-athletes who fail to adhere to athletics standards are subject to suspension from practice and competition for a first offense and separation from a team for a second offense.
 - Coaches are expected to monitor masking of the unvaccinated/undisclosed student-athletes on their roster at all times during team activities and inside of the building as a function of maintaining the health and safety of the campus community. Repeated violations on a single roster will be considered a dereliction of that duty and the coach will be subject to the disciplinary process outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
 - Unvaccinated and undisclosed coaches and staff failing to adhere to the directives are subject to the disciplinary process outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Travel Restrictions

- All athletes and staff must be masked at all times on shared transportation, while moving about in restaurants and in common areas of hotels.
 - Travel parties will adhere to Maine Maritime standards if local restrictions and standards are more lenient; Travel parties will adopt local standards when traveling if they are more restrictive.
 - Travel parties will not dine-in at any restaurants.
 - Teams are advised to eat outside whenever possible;
 - Teams may remove masks while eating on shared transportation.

General Space Restrictions

- Unvaccinated and undisclosed athletes and staff must be masked at all times inside of athletic facilities.
- All athletic facilities have returned to pre-pandemic capacities and rules regarding access.

Indoor Venue Restrictions

- All participants and staff in practice and contests must be masked when not engaged in athletic activity.
 - Vaccinated student-athletes may remove masks when engaged in athletic activity.
- All game day staff and bench personnel, including coaches, working at events taking place indoors must be properly masked at all times regardless of vaccination status.
- Press box will be treated as an outdoor space when doors and windows are opened; It will be treated as indoor space when doors and windows are closed.

Conference Opponents

- Conference contests will follow the stricter COVID protocols of all participating institutions; and require all unvaccinated/partially vaccinated student athletes to wear masks during conference contests.

Visiting Non-Conference Teams

- Masks and testing compliant with the NCAA recommendations will be required for unvaccinated and undisclosed students and staff in visiting travel parties.
- Any opponent unwilling/unable to adhere to the requirements will result in a cancellation of the contest.

Spectators

- All spectators attending events must be fully masked without exception.
- Improperly masked spectators will be asked once to comply with the masking standard; a second instance of non-compliance may result in removal from the facility.

Isolation Area

- The former women's soccer office will be designated as the isolation space in the event that a visiting team's student becomes symptomatic.

Close Contacts

- Vaccinated close contacts will mask for 14 days or until they PCR test negative three to five days after contact.
- A team with a vaccinated close contact on its roster will mask at all times during practice, competition and travel regardless of vaccination status or if the team activity is occurring indoors or outdoors.
- Athletic trainer will disclose that we have an active close contact on our roster prior to competition to discuss the ability and conditions necessary to carry on the competition safely to both institutions' satisfaction, if possible.