



To GAM Players Ages 13-19, Parents and Guardians –

On February 4, 2021, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) announced that sports in the state could resume, as long as teams and athletes follow certain safety measures spelled out in its February 4 epidemic order and the [MDHHS Guidance for Athletics](#).

GAM tournaments fall under the MDHHS guidance and will require players ages 13 – 19 to submit a negative test for COVID -19 dated within one week of competition.

The GAM is not testing players at our tournaments, but testing resources are available in your community at home. To support student athletes and their families, many schools are offering free rapid antigen testing to eligible student athletes and staff.

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. Anyone who 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 participate in the GAM tournament. Athletes who have recovered from confirmed COVID-19 in the past three months and remain symptom-free may participate 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 GAM tournaments.**

You can choose not to participate in COVID-19 testing. However, without participating in testing, you will not be able to play GAM tournaments while this MDHHS guidance is in place.

If you do need to withdraw from any GAM tournament for any reason you can do so and receive a full refund.

If you wish to participate in COVID-19 testing, please contact your school first. MDHHS has stated that ANY student can participate in the testing program – it is not reserved for “in-season” athletes. For those students who do not have access to testing via your school, you can find testing sites in your community through this [online resource](#).

Every player must submit proof of a negative COVID test taken within one week of GAM competition to the GAM via a Dropbox link. For example, if there is a 2-day competition on April 24-25, you will need to provide proof of a negative COVID test taken between April 18-24 prior to tee teeing off. We are working on finalizing a submission process and will have details out to you 7-10 days prior to your competition.

COVID-19 testing is just one of many ways GAM is working to help keep student-athletes and families safe from the virus. GAM is also requiring masks to be worn before and after competition, near clubhouses when social distancing outdoors can be more difficult to guarantee.

The health and safety of our players, their families, and our entire community is important to us. Thank you for your continued support of the GAM.

If you have additional questions about COVID-19 safety measures for GAM events, please contact me at kwolfe@GAM.org. If you have additional questions about the MI Safer Sports testing program, please visit www.Michigan.gov/sportscovidinfo.

Thanks for your understanding and compliance with the MDHHS order.