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Dear RSU 9 Community,

As a follow up to yesterday's communication regarding recent changes to the Maine Principals' Association guidelines, we are sharing updated protocols related to masks/face coverings for our RSU 9 spring athletics programs. These will be in place beginning on Saturday, May 1 and are in line with updated public health guidance from Governor Mills, the U.S. CDC and Maine CDC.

- The use of masks/face coverings will be optional for athletes and coaches when practicing or competing outdoors, but they will be required in dugouts, on sidelines, on buses, in buildings, or other settings when six feet of social distancing is hard to maintain. Coaches will not require maskless participation.
- Spectators outdoors may remove their masks if they are more than six feet away from others, excluding family members.

In addition, the Maine DOE has recently updated its [School Health Guidance](#). There are several adjustments to the Six Requirements for Safely Opening Schools, now referenced as Public Health Requirements for In-Person Learning. We will be carefully reviewing the document and will make adjustments that will impact our school day programming early next week. We will be sure to share the updates in our RSU 9 COVID-19 Handbooks as soon as they are made.

We thank you again for your patience and your adherence to our guidelines and protocols as we anticipate the wonderful weather of spring and the last few weeks of the school year.

Sincerely,

Monique Poulin  
Interim Superintendent