**State/Regional Event Testing**

Special Olympics Michigan new guidelines to participate in a State or Regional event are below. To comply, any athletes, unified partners, coaches, and chaperones must take the following steps.

1. Submit a proof of vaccination card to the regional forms account within 5 days prior to an event or
2. Athletes/unified partners/coaches/chaperones must get a rapid covid test within 72 hours of the event and receive documentation that their test was negative.
3. They must bring that documentation with them to the state or regional event and show at check in.
4. Athletes, can find where they can get a covid test in their area by logging on to the [State of Michigan’s website](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0%2C9753%2C7-406-99891_99912---%2C00.html).
5. Areas can also identify a rapid antigen testing community pop up site [HERE](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0%2C9753%2C7-406-98178_104699_104714-554722--%2C00.html), over the counter rapids tests are accepted as well.
6. If an athlete receives a positive test, they must not return to practice for 2 weeks and must have a negative test plus a doctor’s note.

Documentation for proof of vaccination can be send to:

SW Regions - Mary Albaugh- sw.forms@somi.org

SE Regions - Julia Eory - se.forms@somi.org

N/UP Regions Jill Riesberg - somiforms@somi.org

**Updated Guidance on Transportation – 8/20/21**

Areas should follow the guidance provided below when determining transportation to attend State or Regional Games. The following guidance is aligned with that of Special Olympics, Inc. Securing bussing for State or Regional Games is recommended as it allows for distancing while transporting a larger group.

**Bussing Guidance**

* Submit a proof of vaccination card to the regional forms account within 5 days prior to an event or
* Athletes/unified partners/coaches/chaperones must get a rapid covid test within 72 hours of the event and receive documentation that their test was negative.
* All participants (Coach/athlete/chaperone) must be Covid screened prior to getting near or onto the bus.
* Each bus should have a safety captain to monitor for compliance at all times
* No one should be sitting side by side to allow for social distancing. It is also encouraged to stagger seats between participants from row to row, so no one is sitting directly behind each other.
* Masks must be worn during bus boarding and unloading and during the entire trip.
* Cleaning hands with hand sanitizer should be used prior to boarding the bus each time and should also be available during the ride.
* No food or beverages should be consumed that would require masks to come off. No shared food allowed.
* Areas should have a boarding list for each bus for contact tracing.
* Busses should not exceed 50% capacity.
* Areas can coordinate with other areas to share bussing if following all guidelines still.
* Bus and transportation company policies must be followed in accordance with the guidelines provided above.

**Non-bussing Transportation**

* Submit a proof of vaccination card to the regional forms account within 5 days prior to an event or
* Athletes/unified partners/coaches/chaperones must get a rapid covid test within 72 hours of the event and receive documentation that their test was negative.
* 12-passenger vans can be used, but should follow the same guidelines ensuring distancing, masks, sanitizing, 50% capacity, etc. for transportation.
* Drivers of a 12-passenger van not employed by the transportation company must also go through the SOMI screening process.
* For individuals transporting themselves, outside of 12 passenger vans, only members of the same household may ride together.