**Guidance on Transportation – 12/01/21**

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**

* 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.
* 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**

* 12-passenger vans can be used, but should follow the same guidelines ensuring distancing, masks, sanitizing, no one sitting side by side, 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.