

Governor Carney Updates COVID-19 Order

Ninth revision to Omnibus order updates youth and amateur sports guidance

WILMINGTON, Del. – Governor John Carney on Thursday signed the [ninth revision to his COVID-19 emergency order](#), updating public health requirements for youth and amateur sports.

Under the [ninth revision](#) to the COVID-19 order:

- **Athletes participating in high-risk sports** must wear a face covering at all times. High-risk sports include ice hockey, basketball, tackle football, boys'/men's lacrosse, wrestling, boxing, rugby, competitive cheer, martial arts, ultimate frisbee, and pairs figure skating.
- **Athletes participating in non-high-risk sports outdoors** must wear face coverings, *except when actively engaged in practice or game play while on the field.*
- **Athletes from different households must adhere to social distancing** and remain six feet apart, *except when actively engaged in practice or game play while on the field.*
- **All coaches, staff, and referees** must wear face coverings at all times, including while addressing players or officials on or off the field, when coaching during the game, and during practices, trainings and team meetings.
- **Masks continue to be required at all times for all indoor sports and activities.** This applies to athletes, coaches, staff, and spectators.

[Click here to read the ninth revision to the Omnibus COVID-19](#)

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[Click here to read the full omnibus order.](#)

*“We’re vaccinating thousands more Delawareans each day, and making real progress in beating this virus,” said **Governor Carney**. “But now is not the time to let our guard down. With rising case levels, it’s more important than ever to wear a mask. Avoid large gatherings that can spread COVID-19, wash your hands frequently, and look for a free testing site in your community. We can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Stay vigilant.”*

Schools and youth and amateur sports organizations should be aware that **inconsistent mask use** complicates contact tracing and will impact the number of people required to quarantine in the event of a positive COVID-19 case associated with a practice or game.

As of Wednesday, March 31, Delaware providers had administered 459,535 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. Nearly a third of Delawareans have received at least one shot, and more than 163,000 Delawareans are fully vaccinated.

Visit de.gov/covidvaccine for information on Delaware’s COVID-19 vaccination program.

Anyone with a question about COVID-19, whether related to medical or social service needs, should call Delaware 2-1-1. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing can text their ZIP code to 898-211. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Visit de.gov/coronavirus to get the latest on Delaware’s response to COVID-19.

Visit de.gov/gettested to learn more about free COVID-19 testing.

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