



## Safer at Home Phase Three Recreational Sports

### Use of Face Coverings

NUMBER SEVENTY-TWO (2020)  
AND  
ORDER OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY NINE  
COMMON SENSE SURGE RESTRICTIONS  
CERTAIN TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS  
(COVID-19)  
**December 10, 2020**

All patrons in the Commonwealth aged 5 and over shall when entering, exiting, traveling through, and spending time inside the settings listed below cover their mouth and nose with a face covering, as described and recommended by the CDC:

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[Executive Order #72](#)

Businesses must strictly adhere to the physical distancing guidelines, enhanced cleaning and disinfection practices, and enhanced workplace safety practices provided in the "Guidelines for All Business Sectors" document. Virginia Department of Health and Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services regulated facilities must continue to follow requirements related to prohibiting sick employees in the workplace, strict handwashing practices, and procedures and practices to clean and sanitize surfaces.

Indoor and outdoor recreational sports activities are permitted, provided participants and organizers of recreational sports activities comply with the following requirements:

### Mandatory Requirements

- The total number of spectators cannot exceed **25 spectators per field**. Races or marathons may have up to **250** participants, provided staggered starts separate runners into groups of **25** or less. **Outdoor restricted to 2 guests per player**. Suggests creative solutions for streaming and play sports if possible.
- Conduct screening of coaches, officials, staff, and players for COVID-19 symptoms prior to admission to the venue/facility.

For more information on how to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure and spread associated with indoor and outdoor recreational sports activities, consult the Virginia Department of Health’s “Considerations for Recreational Sports” webpage, which can be found [here](#).

### **Enforcement**

Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines appear [here](#). The Virginia Department of Health shall have authority to enforce section A of this Order. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section A may enforce this Order as to that business to the extent permitted by law.