

## **SMAC Minutes – February 25, 2021**

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### **1. COVID-19 rates in AZ**

- a. 255 cases per/100,000
- b. 11.9% positivity
- c. 8% hospitalizations

### **2. Winter Sports Data Collection**

- a. Tracking during season
- b. Asked multiple questions
- c. 151 reported cases currently
  - i. Majority BSKT / SOC
  - ii. Evenly split between boys/girls
  - iii. Higher at VAR level
  - iv. Majority were symptomatic
  - v. 22% contact at home
  - vi. 2 cases had prior positive test
  - vii. 1/3 had quarantine with the cases / majority were whole team
  - viii. RTA form used 131 completed
  - ix. 3 required cardiology consult

### **3. DISCUSSION – Masks During participation (winter tournaments / spring season) (outdoor vs indoor)**

- a. With numbers declining – any recommendations to lift the mandate for the remainder of the winter season and moving into the spring season?
  - i. Would only be for the student-athlete that is participating in the contest (on court/field)
- b. CDC released updated guidelines/protocols for schools reopening.
- c. Maricopa County PHD released an AZ specific guide
  - i. Recommendations for sports and extracurricular activities – requires masks at all times
- d. Moved – 2<sup>nd</sup> – Continue to uphold mask mandate through the duration of the winter season

#### **4. Spring Sport Modifications**

- a. Student athletes participating on the court/field not have to wear a mask
- b. Keeps masks for any indoor play/sport
  - i. Motion / 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - Should there be substantial transmission ALL mask required (indoor / outdoor)
    - Low/Moderate – masks for only indoor athletes required at all times

#### **5. TUFFS Program/KSI Ratings**

- a. Helping states to elevate the care / policies for athlete safety
- b. Meeting with the states individually to see what the state may need to best care for the student athletes
- c. Items to look at with them:
  - i. Emergency Action Plan
  - ii. Heat / Heart / Head (links on website)
    - Bart Peterson, (Heat / EAP)
    - Javier Cardenas (Head)
    - David Mesman, AzATA (AT Perspective)

#### **6. Upcoming Symposia/Meetings**

- a. DOD Clinical Trial and Imaging Study (post traumatic headache after concussion within the 1<sup>st</sup> month). For all patients between 18-70 years old.
- b. AD Workshop – virtual

**Next Meeting: March 25, 2021**