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NEWS RELEASE

IMPROVING COVID-19 METRICS ALLOW LIFTING STUDENT-ATHLETE MASK REQUIREMENTS

PHOENIX, AZ (3/2/2021) – Due to improving [Covid-19 metrics](#) (decreasing Covid cases, increased hospital bed capacity, etc), the AIA Executive Board voted to approve removing the mask mandate for the Spring season, Winter playoffs including Spiritline. Students, coaches, and officials must wear a mask when not actively playing or in the field of competition. All spectators in attendance for a contest must wear an approved mask or face covering. Please note that mesh face masks are not acceptable face coverings.

All other Covid-19 modifications remain in place.

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About the Arizona Interscholastic Association:

The AIA, is voluntary association of public and private Arizona high schools. Since 1913, the organization has created and sustained interscholastic activities that encourage maximum student participation by providing AIA member schools with an even playing field to ensure fair and equitable competition. The AIA believes that providing interscholastic activities for Arizona high school students creates personal development opportunities with a balanced focus on academics and extracurricular activities.

Through its 272 member schools, the AIA reaches more than 95,000 participants in high school activity programs. The organization hosts 4000 championship contests and maintains officiating for more than 45,000 regular season games. For more information, visit www.aiaonline.org and www.azpreps365.com.