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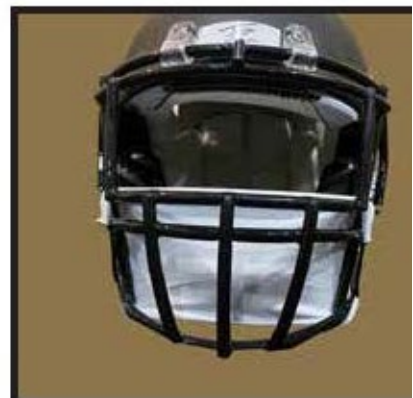
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To: Athletic Directors and Head Football Coaches
From: Brad Garrett, Assistant Executive Director
Subject: Face Coverings

It appears that all schools have received an email or other communication that promotes an “internal cage cover” as a solution for the required face covering in Football. The internal cage cover (as shown below) does not comply with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) definition for face coverings - <https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/1e2288K.pdf>.

“Face covering” means a cloth, polypropylene, paper or other face covering that covers the nose and the mouth and that rests snugly above the nose, below the mouth, and on the sides of the face.

- The following are not face coverings because they allow droplets to be released: a covering that incorporates a valve that is designed to facilitate easy exhalation, mesh masks, lace masks or other coverings with openings, holes, visible gaps in the design or material, or vents.



We sought clarification from the OHA and received confirmation that this type of product would not be considered an approved face covering under current OHA guidance.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact at bradg@osaa.org.