



LOWELL SUN CHARITIES
Established 1947

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Dear Chair Keegan and Board Members,

The Lowell Sun Charities respectfully petition the Board of Health for a waiver from the mask mandate for the Golden Gloves Program for each two athletes involved in their USA Boxing matches during their Golden Gloves events.

All support personnel, referees, and ringside attendees will be masked at all times. The athletes and their support staff will enter and exit to the ring masked at all times. Only once entering the ring, in immediate preparation for the match, and during the match would they remove their masks. Following their match, the athletes will immediately re-mask. This is needed due to the difficulty breathing during this strenuous competition.

The Lowell Sun Charities will be conducting the 75th Golden Gloves program beginning on January 13, 2022 through March 10, 2022 at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium. The events will be held on consecutive Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 10 pm. It is a long and rich tradition in Lowell and New England. This year we are taking additional precautions.

This year, the Golden Gloves are adding NASA-developed, medical grade technology to provide additional protections for staff, athletes and the general public. Prior to and after each evening event, we will be using medical grade, ultra-violet light autonomous robots in the locker rooms, and all public areas to cleanse and eliminate viruses and bacteria in the air and on surfaces. Additionally, during the entire event, we will be using proactive air treatment and filtration systems, in all the above areas, to make the environment safer for everyone. An example of this technology from this company in use at the (former Wang and Schubert) Boch Center in Boston is: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Ts3SEHoJ4ls>

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Separately, we will send information on the technology and upgraded preparations the Golden Gloves are providing this year. This is in addition to the extra care and actions already taken by the Auditorium management for the public.

Thank you.

KEVIN COUGHLIN
President, Lowell Sun Charities