



## University of Georgia Athletic Association COVID-19 Safety Parameters for Sport Camps

Sport Camps may occur subject to the safety parameters outlined in this document. While we cannot eliminate the risk of COVID-19 transmission, we must attempt to mitigate risk to the extent reasonable. Sport Camps will be required to abide by these parameters.

Camp Directors must submit an Acknowledgement Form (pg.7) and a COVID-19 Readiness Plan and Camp Program Schedule to the COVID-19 Action Team via Arryn Hassel (amhassel@uga.edu) by Wednesday, May 26. Upon receipt, the Sport Camp may move forward with registration. Please note that failure to submit these documents and/or abide by these safety parameters could prevent a Sport Camp from being permitted.

### Guiding Principles

All staff and participants are expected to adhere to the following mitigation measures for the duration of camp:

- Abide by federal, state, local, USG, and UGA guidance with regard to COVID-19.
- Use of mask / cloth face coverings per CDC and GPHD guidelines.
- When not engaged in athletic activities, maintain 6 feet of social distancing wherever possible from all who are not within an assigned cohort.
- When not engaged in athletic activities, maintain 3 feet of social distancing wherever possible from all who are within an assigned cohort.
- Prioritize outdoor activities, even for indoor sports, where risk of COVID-19 transmission is significantly lower.
- Be alert for symptoms of COVID-19 such as but not limited to fever, cough, shortness of breath.
- Frequently wash hands with soap and water or cleanse with hand sanitizer for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover coughs and sneezes followed by hand cleansing.
- Avoid touching the eyes, nose, mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.

### Communication

- Camp Directors must develop a communication plan to keep participants and their families informed of camp expectations and status.
- Messaging should include:
  - Instructions for when to stay home if they are ill or have recently been exposed to COVID-19.
  - Outlet for required self-reporting if they have symptoms, a positive COVID-19 test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days.

- Notification system in the event of changes, closures, or other disruptions to camp related to COVID-19 concerns.
- **Expectations regarding pick-up of a participant within a timely manner in the event of a COVID-19 related concern.**
- **The possibility of an entire cohort being removed from camp should a staff member or participant test positive for COVID-19 during camp.**
- **The possibility of an entire camp session being shut down due to COVID-19 related concerns.**
  - NOTE: This may be the result of a certain percentage of staff/participants being placed into isolation and/or quarantine, or due to other extenuating circumstances.
- **Any refund policies related to cancellation or discontinuation of camp for COVID-19 related concerns.**
- The communication plan should designate a point of contact who is responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns leading up to, during, and immediately following camp.
- In the event that a staff member or participant tests positive for COVID-19, the point of contact should be notified immediately.

## Staff Training

- Camp Directors must ensure that staff are trained on COVID-19 policies and procedures prior to the start of camp.
- Staff should understand the responsibility to follow screening procedures prior to and daily upon arrival to camp.
- Staff should understand the expectation to carry out duties outside of their norm, such as screening participants and enforcing safety parameters.
- Sport Camps should have staffing contingency plans in the event a staff member(s) becomes ill, tests positive for COVID-19, or is required to quarantine due to a close contact exposure.

## Screening Procedures

- Camp Directors must develop pre-arrival screening procedures to acknowledge and document that staff and participants will not report to camp if they currently have symptoms, a recent positive COVID-19 test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days.
- Camp Directors must develop, implement, and document screening procedures that will monitor symptoms daily upon arrival of staff and participants.
- Staff and participants may be subject to additional screening processes such as temperature checks and/or COVID-19 diagnostic tests upon request.
  - NOTE: We cannot mandate a diagnostic test for a participant, but should offer parents / guardians resources should it be deemed appropriate.
  - NOTE: We will require diagnostic tests for staff members should it be deemed appropriate. If a staff member presents with symptoms yet refuses a diagnostic test, they will be removed from camp. Resources for COVID-19 testing will be provided.
- Camp Directors must follow campus guidelines for reporting a positive test via DawgCheck.

## Arrival and Departure (Check-In and Check-Out)

- Camp directors must develop procedures for arrival and departure each day in order to complete symptom check and promote social distancing.
- Items for consideration:
  - Staggered times
  - Multiple locations
  - Organized by cohorts
  - Signage and markers with clear instructions

## Cohorts

- Camp Directors must plan for small groups of participants with dedicated staff to remain within the same cohort throughout each day for the duration of camp.
- Items for consideration:
  - Groupings based on household, travel parties, team, school, and/or request of participants and their families.
  - Group size that will allow for 6 feet of social distancing from other cohorts and 3 feet of social distancing within cohorts.
- Eliminate or limit mixing between cohorts if at all possible.

## Masking

**NOTE: Masking guidelines apply to all staff and participants unless they provide proof of full vaccination (2 weeks from final dose)**

- Mask / cloth face covering should cover the mouth and nose.
- Mask / cloth face covering may be removed under certain circumstances:
  - when participating in physically active recreation, training, or competition
  - when actively eating or drinking
  - when outdoors and able to socially distance
  - if / when any cause for concern with regard to heat illness, shortness of breath, or other medical conditions

## Social Distancing

- Camp staff are responsible for enforcing the maximum capacity limits for indoor spaces.
- Prioritize outdoor activities as much as possible where social distancing is easier to accommodate.
- Utilize signage, floor markers, designated seating, and other methods to promote distance between people.
- Avoid touching others.

## Transportation

- Eliminate or limit transportation needs if at all possible.
- Camp Directors must plan for transportation (whether intended or in response to circumstances such as a medical necessity) that will promote social distancing.
- Items for consideration:
  - Mask / cloth face covering required for individuals who are not fully vaccinated
  - Open-air vehicles (e.g., golf carts)

- Closed-air vehicles with windows open if able
- 12-passenger van, maximum 5 passengers with 1 per row
- SUVs, maximum 4 passengers with 1 per row
- Bus, single rider per double seat

## Food and Drink

- Meals / snacks should take place outdoors (weather permitting).
- Social distancing should be maintained between individuals / cohorts. Stagger meal times as needed to accommodate.
- Time spent eating or drinking should be kept to a minimum.
- Food provided should be individualized and/or pre-packaged for each person. No buffet style meals.
- Staff and participants will be encouraged to bring their own clearly identifiable, reusable water bottle.
- Drinks provided should be bottled for individual use. If coolers and cups are utilized, single use cups for individual use.

## Cleaning of Shared Spaces and Equipment

- Camp Directors must coordinate a plan to clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and shared spaces daily.
- Shared equipment should be avoided whenever possible.
- Each Sport Camp must ensure access to adequate supplies, including but not limited to hand sanitizer, soap, disinfectant wipes, and disposable masks prior to the start of camp.
- Camp Directors must have a plan in place for additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures should a staff member or participant test positive for COVID-19.

## Gatherings, Special Activities, and Visitors

- Limit non-staff members and non-participants on the premises during camp to the extent possible. Those who are permitted must remain in designated areas and avoid participants.
- Prioritize outdoor activities.
- Avoid gatherings and activities where social distancing cannot be maintained among individuals / cohorts.
- Limit ancillary activities outside of sport that will lengthen the camp schedule or increase risk of exposure in other ways.
- Identify high risk activities in the Camp Program Schedule with attention to mitigation strategies for these circumstances.

## Inclement Weather

- As in years past, Sport Camps with outdoor activities (sport or otherwise) must adhere to the lightning and tornado emergency protocols per the UGA Sports Medicine Department.
- Camp Directors must have a plan in place to move outdoor activities indoors should the need arise. The indoor location should promote social distancing.
- Sport Camps must have a plan in place to review weather forecast in advance, and in turn be prepared to alter and/or cancel activities for a period of time or possibly an entire day of camp.

## Contact Tracing

- A close contact exposure to COVID-19 is defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as someone who is within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes within a 24-hour period starting 2 days before illness onset. A person is still considered a close contact even if they were wearing a mask / cloth face covering during the exposure.
- The Georgia Department of Public Health is responsible for close contact tracing of COVID-19 cases given the nature of the pandemic. Sport programs will assist with this process and communicate as appropriate with camp staff and participants.
- Camp Directors must document and maintain camp logistics that will aid in efficient and accurate close contact tracing such as cohorts, seating manifests, scrimmage schedules, etc.
- The Sport Camp must have a plan in place for appropriate communication if notified of a positive test from a staff member or participant during or after the camp.
- Level of communication may depend on level of exposure. For example:
  - General notification for all staff and participants
  - Additional explanation if positive case within a cohort
  - Detailed information if identified as a close contact exposure
- Staff or participants who are identified as a close contact exposure to COVID-19 will be sent home to quarantine, just as a positive COVID-19 case would be sent home to isolate.
- **Communications must adhere to HIPAA guidelines and protect patient confidentiality for those who are diagnosed with COVID-19 or identified as a close contact exposure.**

## Isolation / Quarantine Preparedness

- Sport Camps must establish procedures to immediately separate staff or participants with COVID-19 symptoms, who have tested positive for COVID-19, or who have been identified as a close contact to a person with COVID-19.
- Camp Directors should ensure communication to participants and their families that pick-up is required as soon as possible after the parent / guardian is notified of these circumstances.
- Sport Camps should identify multiple areas or locations to isolate individuals until departure can be arranged within a reasonable timeframe.
- Location must be large enough that minors can be properly supervised while maintaining social distancing and other COVID-19 precautions, preferably outdoors.
- Minors with symptoms should be monitored closely by staff until pick up by their parent / guardian can occur. In the event of severe symptoms such as shortness of breath, the participant should be transported to the nearest healthcare facility.
- No long-term isolation or quarantine housing will be offered.
- According to the Georgia Department of Public Health, isolation following a COVID-19 infection can be discontinued if:
  - At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared and
  - At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without use of fever-reducing medications and
  - Symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) have improved
- According to the Georgia Department of Public Health, the safest and recommended time period for quarantine following a close contact exposure to COVID-19 is 14 days.

## Additional Requirements for Overnight Camps

- Sport Camps must strongly encourage (but not require) a 14-day limitation of activities that may cause exposure to COVID-19 and a 14-day self-monitoring of symptoms prior to the start of camp.
- Camp Directors must develop, implement, and document screening procedures that will monitor symptoms of staff and participants at least twice daily, to include temperature checks.
- Staff members will be required to show proof of full vaccination (2 weeks from final dose) or proof of a negative COVID-19 test (within 3 days if PCR or within 1 day if RAT) prior to the start of camp.
- Camp Directors must have a system in place to confirm that all staff meet the pre-arrival testing standards.
- Camp Directors are not only required to employ medical coverage on-site during athletic activities, but on-site or on-call during all hours of the day for the duration of camp.
- Camp Directors must develop mitigation measures for overnight accommodations. For example:
  - Maximum two participants per room.
  - Bed spacing to promote social distancing.
  - Adhering to campus policies during dorm stay.
  - Reserving an entire floor during hotel stay to avoid contact with general public.
  - Not allowing cohorts to mix, even during leisure / rest time.
- Camp Directors must include additional accommodations in their overnight plans for temporary isolation / quarantine of staff and/or participants with COVID-19 related concerns.
- Camp Directors must continue to communicate and emphasize:
  - Expectations regarding pick-up of a participant within a timely manner in the event of a COVID-19 related concern.
  - The likelihood of an entire cohort being removed from camp should a staff member or participant test positive for COVID-19 during camp.
  - The possibility of an entire camp session being shut down due to COVID-19 related concerns.
  - Any refund policies related to cancellation or discontinuation of camp for COVID related concerns.

## Modification

These safety parameters may be modified based on updated federal, state, local, USG, or UGA guidance.

## Sport Camps Acknowledgement Form

I understand and agree that Sports Camps must abide by the safety parameters set forth in this document as well as the safety parameters of UGAAA, UGA, USG, local, state, or federal guidelines.

The Camp Director must submit this Acknowledgement Form as well as the Sport Camp's COVID-19 Readiness Plan and Camp Program Schedule to Arryn Hassel (amhassel@uga.edu) by Wednesday, May 26. The COVID-19 Action Team will review said plans and schedules and respond with any additional questions or recommendations.

Sport Camp Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Director Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Director Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_