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This Event Operations Protocol document represents guidance from Industry members and subject matter experts and is intended to highlight key topics to consider as motorsports venues reopen operations. Your individual facts and circumstances will be unique, and we encourage you to work with your local, regional, and state administrative officials to adapt this guidance to your specific situation. We also recommend using this guide in conjunction with the [PRI Covid-19 State by State updates](#) (also found in the Members section of [www.performanceracing.com](http://www.performanceracing.com)).

This document contemplates a facility reopening within the orders of the State and/or Local Health Department jurisdictions. With many jurisdictions moving to reopening, this guide can be used as a modified operating guide to accommodate the goals of both the facility and the enforcing body.

In accordance with the CDC, OSHA, and local, state, and federal government recommendations, we have modified event procedures to help reduce health risks. These protocols are in place for your safety, and that of your fellow competitors and the local community.

## The guide is divided into four sections:

1. Covid-19 Awareness and Training
2. Venue Operations
3. Participant Operations
4. Graphics

Your race event should align with The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance to minimize risk of COVID-19 exposure and spread.

**Motorsport venues host outdoor events. The facilities are built on many acres from 30 to 500 acres. The physical nature of the sport and customer facility size and event operations; create an optimum separation and flexibility.**

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# SECTION 1: COVID-19 AWARENESS AND TRAINING

The health and safety of our fans, competitors, employees and the communities in which we race has been a top priority since the pandemic began and will remain so as we return to competition in a responsible manner. It is critical that every individual follows the guidelines in this Event Operations Protocol to ensure a successful resumption of racing activities and to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Prior to participating in an event, every employee, supporting vendor and member of the racing industry must familiarize themselves with the CDC recommendations regarding prevention of COVID-19, state and local directives specific to the Event area, and the processes and procedures outlined in the Event Operations Protocol.

Employees and vendors must verify completion of COVID-19 Awareness and Training Requirements before arriving at the venue.

The Promoter of the event will integrate appropriate COVID-19 prevention messaging into pre-event fan information, reinforcing the efforts of local and state public health officials.

## CDC EDUCATION RESOURCES

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has an information hub that includes comprehensive guidance for operating in COVID-19 threat environments. At a minimum, participants will familiarize themselves with the following CDC guidance:

- People Who Need to Take Extra Precautions
- People Who are at Higher Risk for Severe Illness
- How to Protect Yourself and Others
- COVID-19 Symptoms
- What to Do if You are Sick

## STATE AND LOCAL DIRECTIVES

The Venue will provide participants and stakeholders with applicable state and local directives in advance of each Event. Each organization is responsible for ensuring that their members have familiarized themselves with these directives prior to traveling to the Event location.

## INDUSTRY RESOURCES

The established and published plans may contain additional references for consideration:

### World Racing Group:

[https://worldofoutlaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/21\\_COVID-19\\_Operational\\_Guidelines.pdf](https://worldofoutlaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/21_COVID-19_Operational_Guidelines.pdf)

### CDC Large Gathering:

[cdc.coronavirus/2019.community.large-events/considerations](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-community-large-events/considerations)

### USMA Toolkit

[USMA Covid Toolkit](#)

## SECTION 2: VENUE OPERATIONS

### Operational Procedures for Spectators

#### 1. Determine recommendations for Visitors, Spectators and Guests:

- a. Facility should coordinate with the jurisdiction agency that is responsible for executive order enforcement.
- b. Determine how or to what extent the published policies, practices, and protocols will be applicable.
- c. Continually assess, based on current conditions, how best to proceed and whether to postpone, cancel, or alter the number of attendees.
- d. Create a plan and guidance for visitors, including customers, who are not adhering to the required employer or state/local mandates.
- e. These recommendations are not meant to supplement any state, local, territorial, or tribal health and safety laws, rules, and regulations with which gatherings must comply.

#### 2. Event Visitors, Spectators and Guests protocols:

- a. Event Ticketing.
  - i. Encourage as an option online touchless ticketing
  - ii. The Facility may use Plexiglass barriers at all Ticket Sales Transaction points.
  - iii. Visual cues (signs, cones) to remind customers of appropriate spacing.
- b. Event Entry:
  - i. Motorsports events by nature are a "soft" entry. Spectators and guests select entry time based on interest in pre-event on-track activities and race division interest.
    1. Gate opening time at least 3 hours before first race start.
    2. Divisional practice, hot laps and qualifying staggered by division will be held during pre-event time.
    3. Facilities shall plan for additional entry points as needed to facilitate spaced opening.
    4. Attendees should be given a ticket, wristband/hanging credential/hand stamp by which they can be recognized by Staff as having been granted access to the Facility.
- c. Event Customer Service Protocols:
  - i. Event Customer Service staff will manage entry gates to prevent congregating.
  - ii. Event Customer Service Staff will be prepared to open and control additional gates if necessary
- d. Event Exit Protocols:
  - i. Strategic event scheduling should be used to allow a staggered event exit.
    1. Establish division feature events to allow partial exit based on spectator appeal.
  - ii. Open additional exit gates to facilitate exit.
  - iii. Responsible Parties must ensure that all ushers or similar venue personnel are available to direct exiting patrons towards the nearest gate for departure.
- e. Event Entry Screening
  - i. Pre-entry medical screening may include a temperature check and questionnaire regarding current health status.
  - ii. Any individual exhibiting physical symptoms of COVID-19 as identified in the screening questionnaire or experiencing a fever above 100.0 F should not be allowed to access the facility.

**SECTION 2: VENUE OPERATIONS cont'd****f. Event Spectator Protocols:****i. PPE Masks**

1. Everyone should wear a Face Cover when at the event.
2. Spectators should avoid touching their face and cover all coughs and sneezes.

**ii. Coolers**

1. Based on venue policies; spectators may be permitted to bring a 6" x 6" x 12" soft-sided cooler to the Facility. NO alcohol, and NO glass, will be allowed.

**g. Event Seating/Social-Distancing****i. Seating**

1. Seating ushers and customer service personnel shall be used to assist seating spectators and monitor appropriate distancing in general admission events.
2. Where applicable, assigned, reserved seating, may be used to establish distancing.
3. Spectators should practice Social-Distancing at all times while at the Facility including when in line for Concessions, and Merchandise.

**h. Groups**

- i. Spectators should not congregate in groups larger than ten (10) people.

**i. Concessions/Food Stands**

- i. When lining up for Concessions or Merchandise, Attendees should observe the six-feet of spacing.
- ii. Food and beverages should be consumed at the Spectators' respective seats in the grandstand.
- iii. ALL concession staff should wear Face Covers at all times.

**j. Sanitation:**

- i. Facility should consider having dedicated portable toilets and hand-washing stations available.
- ii. Permanent restrooms should have a plan to maintain social-distancing, particularly with regard to the use of stalls and in any area where Attendees may be likely to line up.
- iii. Facility should consider a plan for frequent cleaning of any and all restrooms during the Event
- iv. Multiple Hand Sanitizer units will be strategically spread around the facility

**k. Procedural Reminders:**

- i. Facility should consider Signage and PA announcements throughout the Facility and during the Event reminding ALL attendees of the importance of "Social Distancing", "No Groups Larger Than 10", "Frequently Wash Hands," "Cover Coughs and Sneezes with Elbow or Tissue and Wash Hands immediately thereafter," and "Self-Monitor and Please Report any Symptoms to Nearest Staff Member.

## SECTION 3: PARTICIPANT OPERATIONS

### Operational Procedures for Participants

#### 1. Determine recommendations for participants:

- a. Facility should coordinate with the jurisdiction agency that is responsible for executive order enforcement.
- b. Determine how or to what extent the published policies, practices, and protocols will be applicable.
- c. Continually assess, based on current conditions, how best to proceed and whether to postpone, cancel, or alter the number of attendees.
- d. Create a plan and guidance for participants, who are not adhering to the required employer or state/local mandates.
- e. These recommendations are not meant to supplement any state, local, territorial, or tribal health and safety laws, rules, and regulations with which gatherings must comply.

#### 2. Event Visitors, Spectators and guests' protocols:

##### a. Event Registration

- i. Advance online registration should be adopted where possible. Advance registration allows communication directly prior to, during and after the event.
- ii. The Facility may use Plexiglass barriers at all Ticket Sales Transaction points.

##### b. Participant Entry

- i. Motorsports events by nature are a "soft" entry. Participants entry arrival is spread over many hours depending on travel, pit area choice and set-up.
  1. Participant Gate opening time at least 4 to 5 hours before first race start.
  2. Waivers; either in person or electronic must be completed by all participants entering the restricted pit area. Electronic waivers ([PitPay.com](https://pitpay.com)) will eliminate the requirement for a paper signature or use of a pen that can be shared.
  3. Divisional practice, hot laps and qualifying staggered by division will be held during pre-event time.
  4. Facilities shall plan for additional entry points as needed to facilitate spaced opening.
  5. Attendees should be given a ticket, wristband/hanging credential/hand stamp by which they can be recognized by Staff as having been granted access to the Facility.

##### c. Event Exit Protocols:

- i. Strategic event scheduling should be used to allow a staggered event exit.
- ii. Establish division feature events to allow partial exit based on completion.
- iii. Open additional exit gates to facilitate exit.

##### d. Event Entry Screening

- i. Pre-entry medical screening may include a temperature check and questionnaire regarding current health status.
- ii. Any individual exhibiting physical symptoms of COVID-19 as identified in the screening questionnaire or experiencing a fever above 100.0 F should not be allowed to access the facility.

### **SECTION 3: PARTICIPANT OPERATIONS CONT'D**

#### **e. Event Participant Protocols:**

##### **i. PPE Masks**

1. When outside your race car or personal pit area a face covering should be used.

##### **ii. Pit Area Parking**

1. Parking should be 10 feet from the center of your pit spot to the center of the next pit spot.
2. Drivers and pit crews are encouraged to stay in your pit area until it's your turn to race.
3. Pit crews must use social distancing with other pit crews while watching the race.

##### **iii. Pit Procedures:**

1. Primary First Aid Station will be provided at all events as normal.
2. Safety Vehicles: Fire-Rescue, Ambulance, Towing Specialists and Push Trucks should be the ONLY vehicles permitted in their designated areas.

##### **iv. Victory Lane:**

1. Event Organizers should allow a single car Victory Lane/Winners Circle presentation for the feature ONLY. If multi-car Victory Lanes and/or podium-style celebrations are utilized, social-distancing should be practiced.

#### **f. Race Officials**

- i. Race Officials will be wearing masks except staff that will be communicating via 2-way or 1-way radios. Announcers and race director will be in the announcer's booth, which is closed off to the public

## SECTION 4: GRAPHICS

CDC Print resources for signage – download for free:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/print-resources.html?Sort=Date%3A%3Adesc>

- i. "Wear your Mask"
- ii. "No Groups Larger Than 10"
- iii. "Wash Hands"
- iv. "Self-Monitor and Please Report any Symptoms to Nearest Staff Member."

