



# COVID-19 WORKING GROUP UPDATE

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Dear Team USA community –

As discussed previously and, in response to a growing need among athletes and sports organizations, we are pleased to share our United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee **guidance related to return to training and event planning considerations**.

This has been a tremendous and collaborative effort, representative of the knowledge and experience of USOPC medical, security and legal staff, but also the expertise of many others working in the sports field at the team, league and event levels – including medical experts, public health officials, athletes, sports organizations and event planners. The resource documents offer specific guidance for athletes and sports organizations, both in and outside of the Olympic and Paralympic movements.

These documents are intended to be updated and refined as we learn more and as the environment changes in our respective cities and states. We look forward to that collaborative process.

Above all, it's critical that we put the health and safety of athletes and staff first, and remain vigilant in our adherence to local and state regulations.

Please don't hesitate to be in touch with questions and thoughts. Together we'll execute and refine safe protocols, and support athletes at all levels as they train and compete.

Additionally, please see below for a few important updates and continue to refer to [TeamUSA.org/coronavirus](https://TeamUSA.org/coronavirus) for the latest information.

Sincerely,

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USOPC Chief Medical Officer

*On behalf of the USOPC COVID-19 Working Group*

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## **Olympic & Paralympic Training Centers and Facilities**

- The OPTCs will follow government orders for when gyms reopen in each state.
- At the time of re-entry, the USOPC will ensure cleaning protocols are up-to-date and implement necessary technologies (i.e. thermal scanners, COVID-19 tests, etc.) on-site.
- Once additional health and safety measures are in place, the USOPC will begin a cautious, phased approach to allow athletes on-site for training, starting with on-site residents and low-risk sports.

## International Travel and Domestic Policies

- Please adhere to the local guidance and executive orders of your state and city public health officials.
- In order to limit the further spread of coronavirus, the U.S. has reached agreements with both Canada and Mexico to limit all non-essential travel across borders. On April 20, 2020, [these measures were extended for an additional 30 days](#).
- Applications for U.S. green cards under the diversity visa and family-based green card programs have been restricted for 60 days, beginning on April 24, 2020. This measure will be reviewed and could be extended.
  - U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents, and those holding valid immigrant visas when the Proclamation went into effect, are not affected. No valid visas will be revoked.
- Trusted Traveler Program (Global Entry, NEXUS) Enrollment Centers will remain closed until at least June 1, 2020. Global Entry renewal upon arrival at participating airports remains open.
  - Any applicants who have applied for renewal before their Global Entry expiration date will be given an 18-month extension of Global Entry services while their renewal processes.
- Individuals who need to renew their passports or apply for visas when travel begins to resume should allocate extra time for these processes and consider submitting with expedited processing, as there will likely be increased demand and potential delay beyond normal timelines.