



COVID-19 WORKING GROUP UPDATE

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Team –

We hope you and your families are well during these uncertain times. Please see below for the latest updates related to the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) on the Team USA community. For more information, please refer to the USOPC's resource page at TeamUSA.org/coronavirus.

The International Olympic Committee [announced](#) on Sunday, March 22, plans to explore alternate scenarios in light of the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak, including a possible postponement of the Tokyo Games. The IOC pledged to announce its findings within the next four weeks and [statements made today by IOC member Dick Pound](#), though not confirmed by the IOC or Tokyo 2020, suggest the decision to postpone the Games may have already been determined. The USOPC will keep the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic community informed once it is notified that an official decision has been made.

In response to the IOC's update, USOPC CEO Sarah Hirshland and Han Xiao, chair of the USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council, issued a joint statement in a strong showing of solidarity and support for the Team USA community:

"The progress reflected in today's IOC update to the global athlete community is an important step in providing clarity, but our athlete community continues to face enormous ambiguity surrounding the 2020 Games in Tokyo. Having spent countless hours communicating with IOC leadership, our peers around the world, our NGBs and the athletes we serve, we know the difficult obstacles ahead and we are all appreciative that the IOC has heard our concerns and needs, and is working to address them as quickly as possible.

Every day counts. We remain steadfast in our recommendation that Team USA athletes continue to heed the advice of public health officials and prioritize their health and wellness over all else. At the same time, we are eager to continue to explore alternatives to ensure all athletes have a robust and fulfilling Olympic and Paralympic experience, regardless of when that can safely occur. Together we will find solutions that keep the spirit of the Games alive."

To help inform its decision-making, along with the Tokyo Organizing Committee and local government officials, the IOC has requested the USOPC and other National Olympic Committees issue a survey to gauge feedback from its athletes and summer national sport federations (i.e. National Governing Bodies and High-Performance Management Organizations in the U.S.). The USOPC sent the five-question survey to 4,000 U.S. Olympic and Paralympic hopefuls and NGBs/HPMO representatives this weekend, and is in the process of aggregating results.

With several countries calling for the Tokyo 2020 Games to be postponed, Hirshland [explains why the USOPC is focusing on working with athletes and NGBs to bring forward solutions](#), and "maybe more important, what the next step should be."

The USOPC's COVID-19 Working Group will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available to help keep our community safe and informed.

Sincerely,
USOPC COVID-19 Working Group

Medical

- There are over 30,000 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 400 deaths in the United States.
- Athletes and USOPC staff are encouraged to continue twice daily [self-monitoring for symptoms](#) of COVID-19. Should they develop any of these symptoms, they should [stay home](#), [self-isolate](#) and call their primary care physician (staff) or sports medicine (athletes) for further directions.
- All athletes and staff should continue following infection prevention recommendations.
- The USOPC sports medicine team will continue to see athletes for acute injuries, illnesses, or essential rehabilitation. A clinician will also be on call to answer questions from athletes 24/7. Clinic hours have been reduced to further limit exposure of healthcare providers and athletes to COVID-19:
 - Colorado Springs: 9-11a.m. M-F
 - Lake Placid: 9-11 a.m. (M-W-F) and 9 a.m.-12 p.m. (Tues-Thurs); 9-11a.m. (M-F) beginning Sunday, March 29.
 - Chula Vista: 9-11a.m. M-F
- If you have questions, contact a member of the resident sports medicine team at the following:
 - Colorado Springs Olympic & Paralympic Training Center: (719) 866-4554
 - Lake Placid Olympic & Paralympic Training Center: (518) 523-8450
 - Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center: (619) 482-6141

International Travel and Domestic Policies

- Japan is now a [CDC Level 3 country](#). CDC recommends that travelers avoid all nonessential travel to Japan. Travelers returning to the U.S. from Japan should stay home for 14 days after returning from travel, monitor their health and practice social distancing.
 - CDC Level 3 nations with entry restrictions to the United States include China, Iran, countries within the United Kingdom, Ireland and [most European countries](#).
 - CDC Level 3 nations without entry restrictions to the United States include Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Japan, Israel, Malaysia, Pakistan, South Korea, Thailand and Turkey.
- All in-person services and naturalization ceremonies at all USCIS offices and applications centers are suspended until at least April 1.
- Fourteen states have issued stay-at-home orders – including Alaska, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Texas. Please adhere to your state and country public health policies.

Sport

- The USOPC's top priority remains athlete health and wellness. We are concerned first and foremost on how COVID-19 is impacting athletes' personal health and well-being, and also its impact on their ability to safely and effectively prepare for the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020.
- The USOPC has requested feedback from both the athlete and NGB/HPMO communities via surveys that have been sent to the Tokyo long list of U.S. hopefuls and summer sport NGBs/HPMOs.

Training Centers and Facilities

- Due to the stay-at-home orders issued in California and New York, the USOPC has adjusted its hours and staffing at the Lake Placid Olympic & Paralympic Training Center and Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center.
- In addition to the modified clinic hours outlined above (under medical) for both facilities in Chula Vista and Lake Placid, the USOPC has reviewed the details of the New York guidance and will continue to provide essential services for resident athletes at the LPOPTC – including, carry-out dining, security, housekeeping and maintenance, mail and shipping, and front desk operations.