



# Central Falls Panthers

Covid -19 Spring Risk Management Plan



# Introduction

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The guidelines you will read is a summarized rules and additional steps plan that Rhode Island has strongly urged all individuals, public and private schools, municipalities, youth and adult sports organizations, leagues, and indoor sports facility operators and corporations to take in order to reduce the spread of COVID-19 for the health and safety of participants, staff members, officials, spectators, parents, and members of the public.

# Central Falls Panthers Spring Protocols

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# Check In Process:

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The check-In process will be administered to all attendees including staff members, participants, and spectators at all events. The check-in process will consist of a sign-in sheet for staff, participants, and spectators, screening of attendees for COVID-19 symptoms, temperature check using a digital thermometer, and use of hand sanitizer. During check-in, all attendees will be encouraged to acknowledge compliance with all COVID-19 related requirements and also that their non-compliance may result in the corresponding athlete being prohibited from participating in the sporting activity. Team staff and players should continue social distancing during the team check in process for competitions. There should be a single point of contact for teams during events.

- Signing-in must be completed at every event and the sign-in sheet must have contact tracing information such as name and contact information each time.
- A screening will be administered by the COVID-19 coordinator by taking a digital temperature of all staff, participants, and spectators. Also, COVID-19 Coordinator must ask all in attendance if they are having any symptoms of COVID-19 such as . All attendees must have their temperature check and the temperature must fall in between the RIDOH recommended gauge.

# Screening

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- All players, staff, coaches, officials, volunteers and spectators must be screened for symptoms related to COVID-19 prior to the beginning of each activity or before entry into an indoor sports facility. Any person exhibiting signs of illness and any person who has been exposed to a person with COVID-19 must be excluded from the activity in accordance with CDC and RIDOH guidelines. Active screening for COVID-19 symptoms of all individuals who enter sports facilities will be strongly encouraged, including through use of electronic or phone applications (i.e., Google document or QR Code) that also track attendance and send COVID-19 related push messages and reminders.

# Collection of Contact Information

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- For the purpose of contact tracing, and in accordance with RIDOH regulations, we will collect contact information (i.e., full name, telephone number, and date and times on site) for all participants, staff members, officials, spectators or visitors who enter the field.
- The contact information will be maintained for thirty days in paper and digital form. After the 30 days the information will be destroyed.
- The organization will provide a current and complete roster of their respective participants, and staff members to the COVID-19 Coordinator for at least thirty days. The completed roster must include all contact information (i.e., full name, telephone number, date and time on site).
- All participants, parents, guardians and spectators will be strongly encouraged to cooperate with RIDOH in providing any information for contact tracing purposes.

# Staff Requirements

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- All staff will be required to wear masks at all times
- All staff will be encouraged to take a weekly Covid-19 test.
- All staff members must be screened and signed in with contact information.
- All staff will be required to clean all equipment between use.
- COVID-19 Coordinator:
  - One staff member will be appointed as a COVID-19 coordinator to oversee all aspects of the COVID-19 risk management plan including customization, implementation, monitoring, updates/changes, communications, staff training, regulatory compliance, documentation, and answering staff, player, parent/guardian and spectator questions about COVID-19 concerns.
  - Covid-19 Coordinator will ensure every participant is checked-in, screened, and signed in with contact information for contact tracing.
  - The COVID-19 coordinator should notify local health officials, staff, and family members of players immediately of any lab confirmed case of COVID-19 for any staff member or player while complying with local and state privacy/ confidentiality laws as well as with HIPAA and the Americans With Disabilities Act.

# Participants

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- All participants are required to fill out COVID-19 waiver/release.
- All participants will be required to wear masks at all times
- All participants will be required to be screened and signed in with contact information at every event.
- All participants will be encouraged to perform a weekly Covid-19 test.
- Participants are required to social distance (6 feet) during warm ups, drills, cooldowns, and whenever possible.
- Participants will be encouraged not to ride share with anyone who does not live in their household.
- Participants will be placed in stable groups and should not mix with other groups.
- Participants should avoid any physical contact when not participating in the activity.
- No Sharing
  - No drinks or food will be allowed to be shared.
  - No personal equipment will be shared.

# Parents & Spectators

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- All spectators will be required to wear masks at all times
- There will be a limit of no more than 2 spectators per participant.
- All spectators will be required to be screened and signed in with contact information. During check-in all spectators will be encouraged to acknowledge compliance with all COVID-19 related requirements and also that their non-compliance may result in the corresponding athlete being prohibited from participating in the sporting activity.
- All spectators will be encouraged to perform a weekly Covid-19 test.
- All spectators are required to social distance (6 feet) at all times.
- Parents will be reminded that they should monitor the health of their children and not send them to participate in sports events if they exhibit any symptom of COVID-19. They should seek COVID-19 testing promptly and report results to team staff and sports organization officials given the implications for other participants, families, and staff.
- Parents of minor participants and adult participants should protect any vulnerable persons in the same household with whom they come into frequent, close contact. They should also be aware of the enhanced risks for those age 65 or over and/or with compromised immune systems for 14 days after such frequent, close contact.

# Face Coverings

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- Face coverings must be worn in accordance with current executive orders. Coaches, staff, officials, volunteers, players, spectators and any individual who enters an indoor sports facility or who plays a sport will be required to wear a face covering at all times in accordance with current executive orders and RIDOH regulations. This includes wearing a face covering during practices, scrimmages, competitions or other active play.
- Face coverings must be worn when going to and from an activity area, and equipment must be sanitized between uses. School coaches, staff, volunteers, players and spectators must wear a face covering in accordance with Back to School RI guidance. Participants are encouraged to bring extra face coverings and change into a clean, dry face covering in case their face covering becomes wet or soiled while engaged in sports activities.

# Stable Groups

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- Stable groups are required at all times. The term “stable groups” means the same individuals, including players, coaches, staff and volunteers, remain in the same group over the course of the entire program. Participants will not be allowed to change from one group to another. When stable groups are not engaged in active play with one another, the stable groups will maintain a minimum physical distance of six feet between stable groups.
- Parents and caregivers will be strongly encouraged to choose one stable sports group for their child to participate in during the sports season and to not allow a child to participate on more than one team or with more than one sports organization.
- Staff members will strongly encourage participants not to participate in more than one team, league, or camp per sports season.

# Physical Distancing

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- All staff, players, parents/guardians and spectators not of the same household should practice social distancing of six feet whenever possible.
- Six feet of physical distancing should be maintained between all players, coaches and participants during practices and active play when possible. When staff members and participants are not engaged in active play (e.g., on the bench or on the sideline), a physical distance of at least six feet must be maintained.
- We will spread out scheduling of practice and games to ensure enough time between practices and games to allow one group to vacate the premises before the next group enters as well as for proper sanitation of surfaces and other equipment.

# Equipment Cleaning

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- The participant provided equipment will be kept in a bag and should be spaced to encourage social distancing. Players should bring their own disinfectant wipes to wipe down their own equipment between use.
- The shared equipment will be limited to the greatest extent possible and should be disinfected between each use if possible. Balls should be disinfected whenever possible and an adequate supply should be kept on hand.
- No team or dugout coolers will be provided. Parents/guardians should provide separate marked water bottles or sports drink for their child.

# Encouraging COVID-19 Testing

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- We will strongly encourage and promote weekly COVID-19 test (or more frequently). We will remind attendees that Rhode Islanders can schedule a free COVID-19 test for themselves or dependent children on [portal.ri.gov](https://portal.ri.gov) regardless of whether they have symptoms or insurance and more information about testing can be found on the RIDOH Testing Webpage.
- When participants, spectators, or staff members are awaiting tests or results who are symptomatic or have been in close contact with someone who is COVID-19 positive should not attend games, practices, or any related sports activities while waiting for COVID-19 test results. We will establish strict disciplinary policies to penalize persons who violate this provision.

# Response to Positive COVID-19 Case

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- If a participant, staff member, official or spectator tests positive for COVID-19 all members of the team or group, who have been in close contact with the individual who tested positive for COVID-19 will need to quarantine in accordance with Executive Orders and directions from the RIDOH.
  - If a staff member or player has tested positive for COVID-19, exhibits symptoms but has not been tested, or has had close contact (additional close contact considerations), such staff member or parent/guardian on behalf of player must immediately notify the COVID-19 coordinator and must remain in quarantine until meeting state or CDC Criteria For Discontinuing Home Isolation. Return to activity should be cleared by the COVID-19 coordinator based on CDC guidance.

# RIDOH Cooperation Rule

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- If RIDOH identifies a positive COVID-19 case or outbreak connected to a participant, staff member, and/or spectator all activities associated with that case or outbreak will immediately cease, and all participants and organizations will be fully and promptly cooperate with RIDOH case investigation and contact tracing, and follow the instructions provided from RIDOH regarding the need to quarantine and when activities may resume.

# Panther Rules

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- COVID-19 Coordinator must be present at all events.
- Social Distance at least six feet.
- Masks are required by all.
- No Sharing of food, drink, or personal equipment.
- All staff members must comply with stable groups.
- Staff members must wipe down all equipment between use.
- Participants and spectators must use sign-in, complete screening process, and use hand sanitizer.
- We must comply with all RIDOH rules and regulations.
- No Congregating: Staff members, participants, and spectators should not congregate prior to the event and should stay in cars until right before warm ups and should avoid other groups that are leaving the prior event. Team staff, participants, parents/guardians, and spectators should quickly exit after the event and go directly to their cars without congregating with other teams or spectators in common areas.

# Resources

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## Digital Registration Form

<https://forms.gle/tz3TcAwEf6FiM3Wm6>

## Digital Weekly Contact Tracing Form

<https://forms.gle/x9hhMA8KAbMKsqh49>

## Poster Links

<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/media/documents/sports-toolkit/COVID19-stay-home-when-sick.pdf>

<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/media/documents/sports-toolkit/youth-sports-fact-sheet-covid19.pdf>

[http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/media/documents/sports-toolkit/stop-the-spread\\_poster.pdf](http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/media/documents/sports-toolkit/stop-the-spread_poster.pdf)

<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/media/documents/DEM-sports-signage-simple-vF-102820.pdf>

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