



# **U.S. OLYMPIC TEAM TRIALS**

## **SWIMMING**

**COVID-19 Mitigation Plan  
FINAL  
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## Executive Summary

1. It is strongly recommended that all athletes, coaches, officials, staff and volunteers be Fully Vaccinated prior to arrival in Omaha, NE.
2. Individuals who are Fully Vaccinated prior to arrival in Omaha will not be subject to contact tracing protocols.
3. All Participants must arrive in Omaha at least 48 hours prior to their First Official Activity. Arriving on site in Omaha more than 48 hours before the First Official Activity will assist any person who tests positive for COVID-19, or who has an inconclusive test result, with the process of obtaining follow-up testing in order to possibly receive a negative test result and be cleared to participate at the Trials.
4. All athlete and coach Participants must sign all required waivers, including, without limitation, the standard meet waiver and a COVID-19 waiver, prior to receiving an accreditation/credential.
5. Testing Requirements
  - a. Participants are required to obtain a PCR test on their own 3-6 days prior to their First Official Activity. Participants must submit a negative result from this test to [TrialsTesting@pmgusa.org](mailto:TrialsTesting@pmgusa.org). This email address will be overseen by the COVID-19 Officer and the testing agency at the Olympic Trials (Premier Medical Group).
  - b. Upon arrival in Omaha, and prior to obtaining an accreditation/credential, Athlete, Coach and Team Support Participants, along with other credentialed individuals who will have Close Sustained Contact with Participants, will be required to submit to a PCR test onsite at the venue. Only Participants with a negative result from the on-site test will receive an accreditation/credential. Other non-Tier 1 accredited individuals will be subject to a Rapid Antigen test onsite at the Venue.
  - c. Tier 1 individuals, including athletes and coaches, will be required to submit to testing approximately every four (4) days.
  - d. All other Participants will be subject to regular testing with the cadence dependent upon the Participant's tier.
6. All testing will be conducted on the second floor of the convention center within the CHI Health Center – Omaha. This includes all confirmatory testing should there be a positive COVID-19 test.
7. Positive Tests
  - a. If a Participant tests positive for COVID-19, the Participant may request subsequent testing from Premier Medical Group (PMG) and must be asymptomatic and produce two negative COVID-19 PCR test results (and no positives) in order to be permitted to participate in the Trials. If, for any reason, two negative COVID-19 PCR Test results are not returned prior to the time of the athlete's competition, the athlete will not be permitted to participate at the Trials.
  - b. If a non-athlete's confirmation test is also positive for COVID-19, the non-athlete will have the option to undergo confirmatory testing. Upon confirmation of being COVID-19 positive, the individual will be immediately removed from the Venue and be required to follow CDC isolation guidelines.
  - c. If an athlete tests positive for COVID-19 upon an initial test and does not submit to a confirmation test, or if an athlete tests positive for COVID-19 upon an initial test and a confirmation test is also positive for COVID-19, that athlete will not be permitted to compete at Trials.
8. Participants will be subject to contact tracing protocols if the Participant has Close Sustained Contact and/or Close Physical Contact with an individual who tests positive for COVID-19. Contact Tracing protocols will follow State of Nebraska, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) procedures.
9. Any and all questions about Olympic Trials (and this COVID-19 mitigation plan) should be submitted to [OlympicTrialsQuestions@usaswimming.org](mailto:OlympicTrialsQuestions@usaswimming.org).

### **Testing Schedule Examples**

For Wave I (First Official Activity is on June 4)

- May 29, 30, 31 or June 1 – PCR test at home 3-6 days prior to First Official Activity
- June 1 – Travel to Omaha
- June 1 – Arrive at Venue and submit to on-site PCR test prior to First Official Activity
- June 1 – Upon a negative result, receive accreditation/credential
- June 5 – Submit to Rapid Antigen Test at Venue

For Wave II (First Official Activity is on June 13)

- June 7, 8, 9 or 10 – PCR test at home 3-6 days prior to First Official Activity
- June 10 – Travel to Omaha
- June 10 – Arrive at Venue and submit to on-site PCR Test prior to First Official Activity
- June 10 – Upon a negative result, receive accreditation/credential
- June 14, 18 – Submit to Rapid Antigen Test at Venue

### **What Happens When Someone Tests Positive**

If someone tests positive for COVID-19, the following steps will generally take place:

- The individual will be escorted to a separate location in the venue and be notified in private by the Medical Director and/or COVID-19 Officer.
- The individual will be presented with the available options regarding confirmatory testing.
- If the individual is confirmed to be positive, the individual will be escorted out of the CHI Health Center – Omaha and must follow all relevant isolation guidelines.

## Introduction

The Olympic Trials Organizing Committee (“OC”), comprised of USA Swimming and Omaha Sports Commission leadership, is implementing a multi-faceted health and safety plan to best manage the risks presented by the COVID-19 pandemic at the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Swimming, to be held June 4-7 (Wave I) and June 13-20 (Wave II), 2021, in Omaha, Nebraska. This plan has been crafted based on counsel from the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (“USOPC”) and other parties including medical professionals, to best ensure a Trials environment that accomplishes the goals of keeping all participants safe and healthy while conducting the Trials and ultimately selecting the best U.S. Olympic Team for the Olympic Games.

The OC is also required to follow any other protocols mandated by the applicable local, county, state and federal authorities as well as other public health requirements relating to COVID-19. This COVID-19 Mitigation Plan aims to provide clear guidance to all Participants to best protect against, safeguard, and reduce the spread of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. This COVID-19 Mitigation Plan has been previously approved by the Douglas County Health Department, overseen by Kerry Kernen, Division Chief for Community Health, Nutrition and Clinical Services.

All Trials Participants must have proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test conducted 3-6 days prior to their First Official Activity in Omaha, be asymptomatic, and not have been in Close Sustained Contact and/or Close Physical Contact with someone who has tested positive with COVID-19 within 10 days prior to the start of Trials. The only exception to the testing requirements is for Participants who have had a COVID-19 infection in the 90 days prior to arrival in Omaha [see the Close Sustained Contact/Close Physical Contact and Contact Tracing section below]. An indeterminate test result will not be accepted as a negative test result. Participants will be subject to additional testing in Omaha. The only exceptions to the Close Sustained Contact and/or Close Physical Contact contact tracing protocols are for Participants who are asymptomatic and have been Fully Vaccinated prior to their Close Sustained Contact and/or Close Physical Contact or can demonstrate they have had a COVID-19 infection in the 90 days prior to arriving in Omaha. According to USOPC protocols, Participants who cannot provide proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test at least 3-6 days prior to their First Official Activity in Omaha, are symptomatic, or have been in Close Sustained Contact and/or Close Physical Contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, and is not subject to an exception, will be removed from the Venue and barred from competition, subject to any applicable review process. Failure by any Participant to abide by this COVID-19 Mitigation Plan may result in removal from the Trials Venue and from competition.

## Key Terms

CDC Guidelines: means the guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control regarding COVID-19, available [here](#) and the Centers for Disease Control’s Considerations for Events and Gatherings, available [here](#). Some references to the CDC Guidelines may change between the publication of this document and the Trials, and the term “as defined by the CDC” may be used in order to have a plan that is not outdated per CDC guidelines.

Close Physical Contact: means contact through close physical contact (e.g., hugging, kissing, sharing of a meal, room, vehicle and/or utensils, etc.).

Close Sustained Contact: means contact within six feet sustained for at least 15 minutes over a 24-hour period, regardless of whether the individuals wore masks during the contact.

COVID-19 Mitigation Plan/Plan: means this unique plan that the OC has created for hosting the Trials that covers all necessary mitigation measures for the event, including adherence to the Plan requirements.

COVID-19 Officer: means an individual appointed by the OC to oversee implementation of this COVID-19 Mitigation Plan at the Trials, including contact tracing.

COVID-19 Test: means either

- PCR Test – a polymerase chain reaction test or equivalent nucleic acid amplification test such as loop mediated isothermal amplification to test for COVID-19.
- Rapid Antigen Test – immunoassays that detect the presence of a specific viral antigen, which implies current viral infection.

First Official Activity: For an athlete, this means the first day the athlete is competing. For a coach, this means the first day the coach has an athlete competing. For other non-athlete, non-coach Participants, this means the first date of official activity for the Participant.

Fully Vaccinated: The CDC considers an individual to be fully vaccinated 14 days after their second dose in a two-dose series (e.g., the Pfizer BioNTech or Moderna vaccines) or 14 days after a single-dose vaccine (e.g., the Johnson & Johnson vaccine).

Medical Director: means a physician appointed by the OC who has admitting privileges at Omaha hospital facilities or is associated with a local medical team that has associated privileges.

Olympic Trials or Trials: means the competition that leads directly to the selection of athletes for the Olympic Games. Under a contractual agreement with the USOPC, USA Swimming manages the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Swimming.

OC: means the Trials organizing committee.

Participant: means an individual with an official role in the conduct of the Trials.

Test #1: means a PCR test conducted 3-6 days prior to their First Official Activity in Omaha.

Test #2: means a PCR test conducted on-site at the Venue upon arrival in Omaha prior to receiving a credential and prior to the individual's First Official Activity.

Tier 1: means any athlete, coach, team support staff, medical staff (e.g., doctors, athletic trainers, massage therapists), anti-doping staff or volunteers, technical officials and other event staff whose purpose or duties cannot be performed in a physically distanced manner from athletes and athlete areas during the Trials.

Tier 2: means other USA Swimming staff, event staff, and others who are approved to access the athlete zone, but who can perform their duties in a physically distanced manner (e.g., six feet) and without contact with athletes and their equipment.

Tier 3: means all other credentialed individuals who do not have direct or significant contact with athletes and/or coaches.

Tier 4: means all non-credentialed individuals within the venue, including spectators.

USOPC Dispute Resolution Process: means the specific procedures, outlined by the USOPC in a separate document, which describe the opportunity to provide (athletes specifically) with a dispute resolution process, including an opportunity for a hearing before the USOPC Trials Administrative Board (TAB). See 2020 Olympic Trials Dispute Resolution Process document. The USOPC's TAB does not undertake hearings related to medical decisions rendered by the COVID-19 Officer and/or Medical Director.

Venue: means the venue at which the Trials will take place. This includes the warm-up pool area, athlete zone and convention center.

## **Venue and Pre-Trials Considerations**

### **OC Obligations**

The OC will follow all applicable local, county, state and federal rules and regulations including without limitation any requirements to report positive tests to authorities.

The OC will appoint a Medical Director for the Trials, as well as a COVID-19 Officer to oversee implementation, monitoring, and enforcement of the Plan for the Trials related to COVID-19. The COVID-19 Officer also is responsible for ensuring that public health officials are notified of any positive COVID-19 test results that occur at the Trials and for assisting public health officials with contact tracing if any Participant tests positive for COVID-19 at the Trials. Both the Medical Director and the COVID-19 Officer have been assigned from outside the swimming community and will work with an unbiased approach to handle all situations. An additional physician from CHI Health, Dr. Cary Ward, will be used for confirmatory purposes if there are positive COVID-19 test results for any Participant.

The Medical Director will be Dr. Randall Pritza, Vice President of Medical Operations for CHI Health and a cardiologist by background. Dr. Pritza has been an integral part of COVID-19 planning for CHI Health in Omaha. The COVID-19 Officer will be Jamie Adams, who is the assistant director of athletics at the College of St. Mary in Omaha. She has served in similar roles at other sporting events in Omaha and around the U.S.

The OC will ensure at least the following COVID-19 mitigation recommendations are posted throughout the Venue:

- Physical distancing
- Requirements of wearing a face mask
- Hand-washing or use of hand sanitizer
- Avoiding face-touching

The OC will have a plan for working with local public health officials to implement the Plan in compliance with all applicable public health guidelines.

### **Event Postponement or Cancellation Parameters**

Prior to the Trials, the OC will communicate to all Participants the parameters which would result the postponement or cancellation of either the entire competition and/or specific individual days/events. This may include a requirement of mandate from local public health officials resulting in the cancellation of the event due to local COVID-19 prevalence, number of positive tests/positivity rates and/or local hospital capacity.

### **On-Site Requirements**

In order to ensure that the OC can implement this Plan, a special location will be designated within the Convention Center portion of the Venue for all COVID-19 testing, medical evaluation and observation should any Participant at the Trials show signs or symptoms of COVID-19. Medical personnel will be available to identify, isolate, assess, and provide further medical evaluation or treatment to such individuals in the designated space.

Those personnel who may have Close Sustained Contact with individuals being evaluated for COVID-19 or who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 will be provided appropriate personal protective equipment. Tier 2, 3 and 4 attendees will be denied access to the Venue if they are showing signs or symptoms of COVID-19 upon arrival at the Venue.

### **Communications Plan**

Should a Participant subject to testing requirements test positive for COVID-19 at Trials, a prescribed communication plan will be followed maintaining privacy rules and regulations. The communication plan will clearly articulate when a Participant may be removed from the Trials venue and/or barred from participation, and of the potential impact on team selection.

### **Mask Requirement**

All Participant individuals will be required to wear masks at the Venue. The OC will also have disposable masks available, if needed. Any markings on the masks of athlete Participants must comply with the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Trials rules regarding commercial restrictions.

### **Recommendation to Limit Community Activity**

Athlete and coach Participants are strongly encouraged to limit themselves to essential activities (e.g., competition, training, dryland/strength training, etc.) in the 10-14 days immediately preceding arrival and stay in Omaha. All Participants are strongly encouraged to avoid community activities (e.g., eating at restaurants, going to bars or nightclubs, working out in health clubs, going to movies and other similar type public gatherings/activities) in the week prior to their First Official Activity at the Trials and continuing until after completion of their Trials participation.

While in Omaha, Participants are strongly encouraged to continue to minimize community activities and to make every effort to stay in their own hotel room or only stay with people with whom they regularly have Close Sustained Contact and/or Close Physical Contact. Participants are also strongly advised to avoid Close Sustained Contact and/or Close Physical Contact with spectators or others that are not within the Participant grouping, in particular with those people who are visiting restaurants, bars, health clubs, etc. while in Omaha. This includes family and friends who are not within the Tier 1 grouping. Athletes who are Fully Vaccinated and who violate this recommendation to limit their community activity may invalidate their exemption from contact tracing.

### **COVID-19 Signs and Symptoms Monitoring**

All Participants who are experiencing signs or symptoms of COVID-19 should not come to the Venue and should immediately go to a healthcare facility for evaluation. The nearest hospital is the Creighton University Medical Center – University Campus, located at 2412 Cuming St., Suite 200, Omaha, NE 68131.

The OC may require COVID-19 symptoms monitoring while in Omaha and all accredited Participants for both Wave I and Wave II may be required to submit to symptoms monitoring questions upon entering the Venue each day. This will include temperature checks for all Participants upon arrival at the Trials Venue.

### **Credential Pick Up**

Credentials may be obtained at the Venue beginning on June 1 for Wave I and June 9 for Wave II.

Credentials will not be issued to any Tier 1 person until they provide proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test completed 3-6 days prior to their First Official Activity in Omaha (Test #1) and a negative on-site COVID-19 test conducted (Test #2).

Please note, in addition to obtaining the required negative test results, all individuals receiving a credential must be members of USA Swimming in good standing in order to receive a Trials credential.

**Credentials will not be issued to any individual whose USA Swimming membership requirements are missing or expired.**

## **Participant Waivers**

All Participants must complete a number of waivers in order to compete at the Trials. These include:

1. Waiver of Liability Related to Coronavirus;
2. USA Swimming Participant Waiver and Release;
3. USOPC Participant Agreement

These waivers will be included as part of the PMG app that is being used to register and manage COVID-19 testing.

## **Close Sustained Contact/Close Physical Contact and Contact Tracing**

No Participant who has had Close Sustained Contact and/or Close Physical Contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 within 10 days prior to arrival in Omaha should be permitted to enter the Venue or to compete. Any such Participant should quarantine for the period recommended by the CDC Guidelines.

Athlete Participants will be provided the opportunity for further review of contact tracing determinations as described below.

Participants who have Close Sustained Contact and/or Close Physical Contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 within 10 days of their First Official Activity, but who can demonstrate they have had COVID-19 infection in the 90 days prior to arriving in Omaha, or were Fully Vaccinated at least 14 days prior to their Close Sustained Contact and/or Close Physical Contact and are asymptomatic, will not be subject to contact tracing quarantine protocols.

## **Pre-Arrival PCR Test**

Participants are required to obtain a PCR test 3-6 days prior to their First Official Activity (Test #1). Participants must submit a negative result from this test to [TrialsTesting@pmgusa.org](mailto:TrialsTesting@pmgusa.org). This site will be monitored by the COVID-19 Officer and the testing agency at the Trials (PMG).

## **Proof of Vaccination**

Fully Vaccinated Participants should bring a copy of their vaccination card to Omaha and have it readily available in the event they have Close Sustained Contact and/or Close Physical Contact with an individual who tests positive for COVID-19, in which case the Participant's Fully Vaccinated status provides an exception to contact tracing quarantine protocols. Additionally, USA Swimming will be working with the testing agency at the Trials (PMG) in order to set up an electronic method for uploading your vaccination card.

## **On-Site Testing**

All Participants must arrive in Omaha at least 48 hours prior to the Participant's First Official Activity. Upon arrival in Omaha, and prior to obtaining an accreditation/credential, athlete, coach and team support Participants will be required to submit to a PCR test onsite at the Venue (Test #2). Others will be required to submit to a Rapid Antigen test onsite at the Venue. Only Participants with a negative result from the on-site test will receive an accreditation/credential.

All Participants will then be subject to Rapid Antigen testing every four (4) days while in Omaha.

Prior COVID-19 Infection: Participants who can provide clear documentation of COVID-19 infection within 90 days of the Trials Event (i.e., a doctor's note and evidence of a positive COVID-19 test result) and who

are currently asymptomatic are not required to complete the Required COVID-19 PCR Tests #1 or #2. If you've been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last month (since May 4 for Wave I and May 13 for Wave II), you are required to provide USAS with a doctor's note indicating you are no longer contagious and are released to participate in the Trials.

If a Participant tests positive for COVID-19, the Participant may request subsequent testing and must be asymptomatic and produce two negative COVID-19 PCR test results (and no positives) in order to be permitted to participate in the Trials. If, for any reason, two negative COVID-19 PCR Test results are not returned prior to the time of the athlete's competition, the athlete will not be permitted to participate at the Trials. Confirmation tests must be done at the CHI Health Center – Omaha (at the venue) and are the financial responsibility of the Participant. The OC is not responsible for delays with confirmation tests. Payment for additional testing related to false positives will be covered by the OC.

If a non-athlete Participant tests positive for COVID-19 and the non-athlete does not submit to a confirmation test or if a non-athlete tests positive for COVID-19 and a confirmation test is also positive for COVID-19, that non-athlete will be immediately removed from the Venue and must follow all relevant isolation guidelines.

If an athlete tests positive for COVID-19 and the athlete does not submit to a confirmation test or if an athlete tests positive for COVID-19 and a confirmation test is also positive for COVID-19, that athlete will not be permitted to compete at Trials.

An athlete who has been barred from competing at Trials due to a positive test(s) may submit a request to the COVID-19 Officer for subsequent testing in order to be permitted to compete at Trials. Such an athlete must be asymptomatic and produce two negative COVID-19 PCR test results, with no positive test results, in order to be permitted to participate in the Trials. The approval of this athlete to return to competition will be coordinated between the COVID-19 Officer and the Medical Director. If, for any reason, two negative COVID-19 PCR test results are not returned prior to the time of the athlete's competition, the athlete will not be permitted to participate in the Trials.

In the event an athlete is prohibited from participating in Trials due to a positive COVID-19 test result, the COVID-19 Officer will conduct a review to ensure that the testing protocols were followed and, where there were deviations, request further testing as time permits.

There will be no further review after a positive test result has been confirmed (or where time does not permit two negative confirmatory test results). In such cases, the athlete will be immediately removed from the Venue and barred from participating in the Trials and must follow all relevant isolation guidelines.

### **Displaying Signs and/or Symptoms of COVID-19**

Any Participant displaying signs and symptoms indicative of a COVID-19 infection, including without limitation a temperature higher than 100.4°F, may be removed immediately from the Venue as determined by the Medical Director.

Participants presenting signs or symptoms of a COVID-19 infection will be evaluated in the medical area by personnel wearing appropriate personal protective equipment. A Participant presenting signs or symptoms consistent with a COVID-19 infection or who returns a confirmation test with a positive result will be placed in an N95 mask, isolated from the general population, and escorted out of the venue and referred to a local medical facility for further evaluation and treatment. All relevant local health notification guidelines will be followed.

Time permitting, an athlete who displays signs or symptoms of a COVID-19 infection will be directed to a safe location for testing and further medical evaluation by a physician to determine whether the athlete can participate in the Trials.

The evaluating physician, in his/her sole professional, medical judgement, may instead immediately direct an athlete to an urgent-care health facility.

The evaluating physician may, in his/her sole professional, medical judgement, decide to monitor the athlete for a reasonable amount of time (up to an hour) to make a medical determination, recheck the athlete's temperature using different thermometers and perform other evaluations as deemed appropriate for evaluating COVID-19 symptoms. The athlete is not permitted out of the medical area during that time.

The athlete may present information and medical documentation to the evaluating physician regarding conditions that may impact the appearance of signs and symptoms similar to those related to COVID-19.

Time permitting, an athlete may request subsequent testing. If the athlete is able to produce two negative test results, and no positive test results, and receives the evaluating physician's approval based on the physician's evaluation of the symptoms, the athlete may be permitted to compete. This decision will be made jointly between the COVID-19 Officer and the Medical Director. The athlete must be denied access to the Venue pending the outcome of the confirmatory tests and physician approval to compete. All confirmatory testing will be done by PMG at the site of the Trials.

### **Review of Decision to Remove an Athlete from Participation**

#### **Secondary Medical Review**

If an evaluating physician determines it is appropriate to bar an athlete from participating in the Trials, either from positive test result(s) or displaying symptoms, then a second physician will conduct a secondary medical review. If the second physician also determines it is appropriate to bar an athlete from participating in the Trials, the decision to bar the athlete from participating in the Trials stands.

#### **Tiebreaker**

If the physicians do not agree about whether to bar an athlete from participating in the Trials, a third physician (appointed and approved by either USA Swimming or the USOPC) will conduct a medical review. This may be in-person, or virtually, providing the physician an opportunity to review the athlete's testing records and make a medical determination.

#### **COVID-19 Officer**

The COVID-19 Officer will review the protocols followed to ensure that the physicians followed the proper protocols and processes. The COVID-19 Officer may request further medical evaluation if the proper protocols and processes were not followed.

#### **Decision is Final and Binding**

A decision by the physicians to bar an athlete from participating in the Trials based on signs and symptoms of COVID-19, and confirmed by the COVID-19 Officer, is final and binding.

### **Contact Tracing**

#### **Pre-Trials**

No Participant who has had Close Sustained Contact and/or Close Physical Contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 within 10 days prior to arrival in Omaha should be permitted to enter the Trials Venue or to compete. Any such Participant should isolate for the period recommended by the CDC Guidelines.

Athlete Participants who have had Close Sustained Contact and/or Close Physical Contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 within 10 days prior to arrival in Omaha will be provided the opportunity for further review of contact tracing determinations by the Medical Director and COVID-19 Officer.

Participants who have Close Sustained Contact and/or Close Physical Contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 within 10 days prior to arrival in Omaha but who can demonstrate that they have had a COVID-19 infection in the 90 days prior to arriving in Omaha or were Fully Vaccinated at least 14 days

prior to their Close Sustained Contact and/or Close Physical Contact and are asymptomatic will be permitted to participate/compete.

### **At Trials**

The COVID-19 Officer may determine to remove from the Venue any Participant who has been identified through contact tracing to have been in Close Sustained Contact and/or Close Physical Contact with an individual who tests positive for COVID-19.

Participants who have Close Sustained Contact and/or Close Physical Contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 but who can demonstrate they have had COVID-19 in the past 90 days or were fully vaccinated at least 14 days prior to their Close Sustained Contact and/or Close Physical Contact and are asymptomatic will not be subject to this requirement.

### **Contact Tracing Review**

Upon a Participant testing positive for COVID-19, the COVID-19 Officer will work with the Nebraska DHSS to gather information from the individual and will identify all other individuals who have been in Close Sustained Contact and/or Close Physical Contact with the Participant. Those individuals will be notified and removed from the Trials Venue and be required to follow CDC quarantine guidelines unless they meet one of the previously described exclusionary criteria (e.g., a COVID-19 infection within the 90 days prior to the Close Sustained Contact and/or Close Physical Contact or proof of full vaccination at least 14 days prior to the Close Sustained Contact and/or Close Physical Contact). The identity of the individual who tested positive for COVID-19 will not be disclosed, unless the individual expressly consents to release of this information. The OC and USA Swimming may require the release of this information as a condition of participation in order to provide other athletes with sufficient information to have the opportunity to contest being contact-traced out of the Trials.

### **Secondary Review**

To dispute a finding that an athlete was in Close Sustained Contact and/or Close Physical Contact with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19, the athlete removed from participation due to contact tracing will have the opportunity to present evidence to the COVID-19 Officer about their whereabouts and any other relevant information, including corroborating evidence, evidence of prior COVID-19 infection, or evidence of completion of a full COVID-19 vaccination series. Based on a review of all the evidence available, the COVID-19 Officer will make a determination of whether the evidence supports a determination that the removed athlete was in Close Sustained Contact and/or Close Physical Contact with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19.

The Medical Director will confirm whether the COVID-19 Officer followed the appropriate contact tracing protocols.

### **Final Determination**

A decision by the COVID-19 Officer and Medical Director to bar an athlete from participating in the Trials due to Contact Tracing is final and binding.

All Participants must agree to and be bound by this COVID-19 Mitigation Plan as a condition of participation in the Trials. When a Participant fails to abide by a requirement of this COVID-19 Mitigation Plan, the attached Dispute Resolution Process document will provide Participants with an opportunity for a hearing before the USOPC Trials Administrative Board (TAB).” Note, all medical decisions made in accordance with this COVID-19 Mitigation Plan (e.g., testing, contact tracing and symptoms) are final and binding and not subject to review by the TAB.

## **Additional Mitigation Components**

All Tier I Participants should not socialize with anyone outside Tier I personnel while in Omaha, with the exception of Tier I Participant athletes rooming with a non-Tier 1 parent.

It is important for all Tier 1 Participants not subject to a contact tracing exception to minimize their chances of being subject to contact tracing protocols by not sitting next to teammates when traveling, staying six feet from teammates and not sharing vehicles with teammates prior to or after travel to Omaha.

Tier I athlete Participants who do not compete on a given day will be permitted to enter the Venue as a spectator but will not be permitted to swim during the hours of:

- Preliminaries: 8:00 a.m. through the end of preliminaries that day
- Finals: 5:00 p.m. through the end of finals that day

Note: those athletes in Time Trials will be permitted to swim on days in which they are competing.

All massage will be performed in designated areas within the Athlete Zone at the Venue (Hall A & Hall B). If a team wishes to have massage, they must bring their own licensed massage therapist(s) to the event. The OC will not be providing massage for any athletes, nor will USA Swimming's National Team be providing any massage to National Team athletes. All massage must strictly follow the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy and only be performed by a licensed professional.

Masks will be required by all Participants within the Venue. The only exceptions will be those athletes who are competing immediately before or after they have swum their event and training.

Proper spacing will be mandated in the Athlete First & Last Call Rooms (Ready Room).

### **Spectators**

- Spectators will be deemed Tier 4 personnel and it is strongly recommended that they not socialize with Tier I personnel.
- All spectators are strongly encouraged to be Fully Vaccinated prior to attending the Trials and/or receive a negative COVID-19 PCR test within three days of attending the Trials.
- Spectators seeking a COVID-19 test in Omaha should visit the following website for helpful information (<https://www.douglascountyhealth.com/109-covid-19/773-where-to-get-tested>).
- The Venue seating will allow for approximately 50% capacity. Venue seating will be set-up in pods of 2-, 4- and 6-seats to promote physical distancing.
- All spectators will be strongly encouraged to wear masks/face coverings at all times while in the Venue.
- No spectators will be permitted to walk onto the pool deck and must maintain physical distancing from Tier 1 Participants (except when spectators (or parents) are serving as chaperones for a minor athletes).

### **Recommendations for Non-Athlete and Non-Coach Trials Participants**

There will be other categories of people who are actively involved with the Trials. These include:

- Technical Officials (Tier 1)
- United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) (Tier 1)
- OC staff, USA Swimming staff, Venue staff, USOPC staff (Most Tier 1, Some Tier 2)
- Competition staff (Omega, DVSport, Dodd Technologies, Myrtha Pools, Great Big Events, etc.) (Tier 2)
- Volunteers (Tier 2 or Tier 3)
- Media & Broadcast Media (Tier 2)
- Vendors (Tier 2 or Tier 3)

These groups of people must follow COVID-19 mitigation before and during the Trials and at the venue.

- All of these Participants, including those who reside in Omaha, must provide a negative COVID-19 PCR result from a test conducted within 3-6 days of their First Official Activity in Omaha. This test is the financial responsibility of the Participant.
- Any individual from the categories listed above must stay away from the Venue if they are experiencing any of the symptoms indicative of a COVID-19 infection (e.g., fever over 100.4°F, loss of taste, loss of smell, diarrhea, cough, etc.).
- For those groups that are tested onsite, accreditation/credentials will not be distributed until the onsite Test #2 negative test results are received.
- All of these Participants are strongly encouraged to avoid contact with athlete, coach and team support participants. (Ex.: when it is necessary for a Technical Official to speak with a coach, the Technical Official should use proper precautions and limit the time of the interaction)
- All of the Participants listed above are strongly encouraged to avoid public and social gatherings while in Omaha.
- Spectators are strongly encouraged to be Fully Vaccinated and are also strongly encouraged to have a negative COVID-19 PCR result from a test conducted within 72 hours of attending a session of the Trials.