



**USA**Volleyball

**2021**  
**Men's Collegiate Beach**  
**Challenge**  
**Athletes and Coaches**  
**COVID Manual**

**September 10-12 , 2021**  
**Hosted by Stevenson University**

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## COVID-19 Procedures

### Message from USA Volleyball and the Beach National Team Development Program (“BNTDP”):

Due to the ever-changing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, participation guidelines and restrictions are included below. Safety First is a strategic priority of USA Volleyball, and as such, our priority will be to ensure the safety of all participants. With that – we acknowledge that the situation surrounding the pandemic will evolve as we move closer to the start date of the Men’s Collegiate Beach Challenge (“Event”). We will do our best to keep you apprised of any updates and changes as they occur.

As with all organized sport activity at this time, USA Volleyball must comply with standards for social distancing and safety within this Event. We know, with the collaboration of Beach NTDP athletes, coaches, public health officials, and facility operators we can create a plan for utilizing the National Training Center venue in compliance with public health directives that promotes athlete safety. **While this plan is intended to reduce the risk of potential transmission of COVID, this does not guarantee that transmission or exposure may occur. Should an athlete or coach be uncomfortable attending this event with these guidelines we always respect the right for an athlete or coach to opt-out.**

### USA Volleyball - COVID-19 Guidelines for the Men’s Collegiate Beach Challenge at Stevenson University, Owings Mills, MD

- All athletes, coaches, staff, and spectators are required to read the COVID-19 updates and information provided regarding the operational procedures that will take place during the Event. ALL REQUIREMENTS AND POLICIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME.

#### Face Coverings

- Per local requirements, which are subject to change, **everyone, regardless of vaccination status, will be required to wear a face mask while indoors or when physical distancing is not feasible.** [CDPH Face Covering Guidelines](#)
- **Any athlete or staff member that prefers to wear a mask in situations beyond what is explicitly stated is always welcome to do so.**

#### Symptom Screening

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- Complete the Health Screening Survey prior to arrival on Day 1 and before coming to the venue each day: [\(LINK\)](#)



Please let Beach Events/NTDP staff know immediately and do not attend the program if:

1. You have tested positive for COVID-19 or are you presumptively positive for COVID-19 based on your health care provider's assessment or your symptoms.
2. You have been in close proximity to anyone who was experiencing any of the above symptoms or has experienced any of the above symptoms since your contact in the last 14 days.
3. You have been in close proximity to anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
4. You have been tested for COVID-19 and are waiting to receive test results.
5. Based on COVID symptoms, you have been told by any doctor, medical professional, or other authority to self-quarantine for any reason in the past 14 days.

**Due to the nature of this being a National Team Event, the following guidelines are recommended to be followed:**

**Vaccination and PCR Test for Athletes, Coaches, Officials, and Staff:**

- We are following the recommendations of the CDC, the Maryland Department of Health and the NCAA in encouraging athletes and coaches be fully vaccinated or complete a PCR test 72 hours prior to arrival to the Event in order to reduce the risk of transmission from infected persons to others.
- All results must be communicated to the host institution medical staff.
- For your convenience, we have provided the link to the [CDC's recommendations for Domestic Travel](#)

**Physical Distancing Guidelines**

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- Everyone attending training is encouraged to follow social distancing guidelines (at least 6 feet apart) when able to do so. During the course of play and in between plays this is at times not feasible, but we encourage athletes to be aware of their physical distancing when entering the beach court facility, in tents, and during meal and water breaks.

#### **Medical:**

- Select medical services will be available on site via athletic trainer(s) during competition and Athletic Trainers will be on call after training hours.

#### **Ingress and Egress, and Cleaning Protocols**

- **Venue Entry & Exit:** Athletes, coaches, and staff will enter and exit the venue using the designated Coach, Player, Official entrance.
- **Hand Sanitization:** Athletes and staff are encouraged to use hand sanitizer and wash their hands often. Additionally, hand sanitizer dispensers will be available throughout the beach court facility and campus.
- **Equipment Sanitization:** after each competition day , volleyballs and shared equipment will be sanitized.
- **Restrooms:** athletes, coaches, and staff will have access to the restrooms in Caves Sport and Fitness Center building adjacent to the beach courts and are encouraged to always maintain proper social distancing.
- **Water Station:** athletes, coaches, and staff will have access to a water station.
  - Athletes should not share water bottles or towels

#### **Spectator Guidelines**

- **Spectator:** Spectators may be allowed at the venue at a **minimum** of six feet away from all courts. Only Beach NTDP coaches, athletes, staff and volunteers will be allowed within the competition area on the beach courts.
- Beach court areas will be divided from the spectator area and all spectators will only be allowed in their designated areas
- We recommend and respectfully request that spectators follow the NTDP COVID guidelines on face coverings and monitor their health before and after attending training.

## Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) for Suspected or Confirmed Positive COVID Participant:

- Should an athlete, coach or staff begin experiencing symptoms of COVID that person should NOT attend the Event and when available that person should communicate his/her absence to:
  - 1. Melissa Weymoth ([melissa.weymouth@usav.org](mailto:melissa.weymouth@usav.org))
    - Staff, officials
  - 2. Carolina Garbato ([carolina.garbato@usav.org](mailto:carolina.garbato@usav.org)); (720-635-8885)
    - Coaches, athletes
- Contact tracing communication will begin with the consideration of maintaining, to the greatest extent possible, the privacy and confidentiality of any staff, coach or athlete who may present with symptoms or test positive.
- Staff or athletes with symptoms will be isolated immediately, and their emergency contact will be notified of the situation.
- Nearest Medical Facilities:
  - 1. **Express Care Urgent Care Centers** (10490 Owings Mills Blvd, Owings Mills MD, 21117; 410-363-7281)
  - 2. **Patient First Primary & Urgent Care** (10210 Reisterstown Rd, Owings Mills, MD, 21117; 410-902-6776)
  - 3. **Northwest Hospital Emergency Room** (5401 Old Court Rd, Randallstown, MD, 21133; 410-521-2200)
- Regardless of vaccination status, athletes, coaches and staff should monitor for [symptoms of COVID-19](#) consistent with MDH guidelines.
  - 1. [Recommendations for the fully vaccinated](#)