



COVID-19 FAQ FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Note: Information in this document is subject to change as protocols and best practices evolve.

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FOUNDATION

OVERVIEW

Will IMG Academy be opening for on-site classes this fall?

Yes, IMG Academy plans to have students return for onsite, in-person classes and athletic training on August 31, with check-in to take place in the days leading in.

Will class be in-person, online or hybrid?

At this time, classes will take place in person on IMG campus. If you are an international student that is required by government order to self-isolate prior to arrival or has to miss the beginning of the school year because they test positive, please reach out to your advisor so we can discuss how classes and sport will look for you.

Who is IMG Academy working with to build their protocols and re-open safely?

IMG Academy is working in close conjunction with Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital, our on-campus health service provider and following the guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Florida Department of Health. Part of IMG Academy's extensive preparations includes plans for the return of staff, students and athletes.

How will sport practices be run?

Practices will be run similarly as they have in the past except that student athletes will be primarily practicing with their pod. They do not have to wear a mask while they are practicing but coaches will be wearing masks (except to the extent that they can properly maintain safe social distance). Students are expected to wear their masks to and from practice.

Are masks mandatory?

Yes, masks are expected to be worn by all students, coaches and staff members while on campus and indoors or in close proximity to others. This includes classrooms, walking in class and dorm hallways, during extracurricular activities, in the cafeteria before and after you have finished eating. Masks can be taken off while eating, during sport practice and in their dorm room. If you have a medical condition that prevents you from wearing a mask, please reach out to your advisor.

How are employees being screened and what are their protocols?

Employees have been asked to report to HR and remain home if they or anyone in their household presents COVID-19 symptoms. They are also screened at the gate and asked if they have any COVID symptoms as they enter campus. Employees are required to wear masks while on campus as well as help enforce that others wear masks, socially distance and continually sanitize their hands and workspaces. If an employee feels ill, they will remain home until they can secure the results of a COVID test.

Where can I see your list of current protocols for keeping those on campus safe?

Please see below for a full list of our health and safety protocols.

[Camp Health & Safety Information](#)



[Boarding School Health & Safety Information](#)
[COVID-19 Safety Protocols](#)

Will boarding students have interactions with non-boarding students? What will protocols be for non-boarding students?

Yes, boarding students will have interactions with non-boarding students. We have strict policies in place for those coming onto campus every day. Each non-boarder will be screened at the gate and asked a series of questions regarding their health and that of their household contacts.

COVID-19 TESTING + PROTOCOLS

Will you be testing students for COVID upon arrival?

At this time, JHACH will be conducting their own screening of each student that includes a temperature check, inquiry about recent travel history and any if they or any household contacts have had COVID symptoms recently. Students should also be filling out the JHACH questionnaire that is sent via email six days before arrival. At this time, we are still working through what testing looks like and will let you know if we decide to implement.

Have you had any COVID-19 cases on campus?

While we don't disclose any health or personal information about employees, guests or students to the public, per our protocols, if there is a case on campus, we follow CDC recommended guidelines and conduct contact tracing of all close contacts. That person would also be removed from campus or isolated from others. Anyone who would have been in close contact with the person who tested positive would be contacted immediately and required to isolate for 14 days. Please see below for a full list of our health and safety protocols as well as our process for handling cases.

[Camp Health & Safety Information](#)
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What is your process for a positive case on campus?

If a student tests positive for COVID-19 at any point while at IMG Academy, IMG Academy's Director of Health and Safety will work with JHACH and the Florida Department of Health to administer any necessary contact tracing. The student will then be isolated either in Health Services away from other student-athletes and campers or in one of our lodge units with a private bathroom. The student will then be isolated between 10 and 14 days as recommended by Campus Health staff and county health officials. Parents/Guardians of the sick student may come and take the student home if able.

JHACH has a 24-hour health clinic located onsite that is prepared to test for COVID-19 and has established their own internal protocols and procedures for the care of all patients with, or presumptive for, infectious diseases.

What is contact tracing and what does the experience of a student look like if they are contact traced to a positive case?

[Contact tracing](#) is the act of tracing individuals who were within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes, 48 hours prior to the start of symptoms. These individuals could be at risk of contracting the virus. Parents of contact traced students will be notified and the student will be isolated to a single room



with a private bathroom. The individual will have to remain isolated for 14 days and our aim is to provide separate sport training as well as a distance learning plan to the extent that it is safe to do so.

You state that if the student contracts COVID-19, parents may come and get the child if able. Are you suggesting I travel with my child back through airports?

We allow this option for those who live within driving distance or want to come and take their child to a rental property or family house nearby to isolate there instead. We do not recommend anyone who is sick travel via airport.

Who is caring for students while they are isolated?

JHACH will be caring for students until symptoms subside and then Campus Life will take over check-ins as well as food drop off. Students will be delivered their food and visited by appropriate members of staff to check on their wellbeing.

Where will students be isolated if they test positive for COVID-19?

The student will be quarantined in Health Services away from other student-athletes. We also have areas on campus that we have reserved for isolation cases and will notify parents of that location if/when their student needs to be moved. The students will still be monitored by JHACH staff and Campus Life who will check on their health as well as bring food. The student will then be quarantined between 10 and 14 days as recommended by Campus Health staff and county health officials. Parents/Guardians of the sick student may come and take the student home if able.

MASKS

Are neck gaiters an appropriate face mask to use on campus?

Yes, Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital shared with us that gaiters are appropriate to use as face coverings while on campus.

Are masks mandatory?

Yes, masks are expected to be worn by all students, coaches and staff members while on campus and indoors or in close proximity to others. This includes classrooms, walking in class and dorm hallways, during extracurricular activities, in the cafeteria before and after you have finished eating. Masks can be taken off while eating, during sport practice and in their dorm room. If you have a medical condition that prevents you from wearing a mask, please reach out to your advisor.

Will we be providing masks to the students?

We highly recommend students bring their own face covering/mask that is easily laundered but we will also supply some at check-in and as needed. Masks will also be available for purchase at the bookstore.

PODS

What are pods and how are students grouped into pods?

Pods are groups of about 12 students or less who will be grouped together by age, sport, team or position. Each sport will be grouping these pods and each student will room with someone in their pod. Pods help us to contact trace more easily if there is a positive case on campus. At this time, we are not accepting requests for pod groupings.



If a parent comes to take a student off campus during their quarantine, will the student be allowed back into the pod after their quarantine is over?

Yes, after the student has been quarantined for the appropriate amount of time and symptoms have subsided, they will be allowed to return to their pod.

Who is monitoring the pods? Is there an adult assigned to each pod?

Pods are monitored by coaches, campus life staff and teachers. It is a group effort to ensure students remain with those who are in their pod.

HOUSING

Will students still be boarding two to a room?

Yes, students will still be boarding two to a room. Their roommate will be someone who is in their pod.

Will I be allowed to help my son/daughter move into their room?

While we will allow no more than two family members to accompany each student on check-in day, we do have to ask that family members not enter the residence halls to unpack students, or enter any other buildings unless they are directed by IMG staff. This is to keep congregation indoors to a minimum and the majority of people outside at all times. We will be setting up tents to create shaded areas for families. Please don't forget to bring and wear your mask at all times on check-in day.

Will staff or other resources be available to help students move in once the parents get their stuff to the dorm front doors?

Yes, our staff will be happy to help make sure all items are transported to each student's room.

SCHOOL

Is there an online schooling contingency plan for someone who becomes ill and has to quarantine?

Can classes be live-streamed?

We are working through the details now, but if someone had to isolate or quarantine, we would set them up for distance learning during that time.

What safety measures will be put in place in the academic building and in classrooms?

- Classes will be organized so desks and students are social distanced from one another.
- Masks will be required of students and teachers, and the building itself will be marked into clear one-way systems to prevent students from congregating.
- Students will be required to wash their hands or use sanitizer prior to each class.
- Classes will have sanitizing station with automatic hand sanitizer dispensers, disinfecting wipes, extra masks.
- At the end of each period, the teacher will prop the door open, so students don't have to open doors.
- Staff will be monitoring in the hallway to make sure there isn't congregation.
- We have deep cleaning protocols in place every night as well as the ability to deep clean specific classrooms without having to close the entire school building.

Will class be in-person, online or hybrid?

At this time, classes will take place in person on IMG campus, but we will have distance learning options for those who will have to self-isolate or quarantine.



ATHLETICS + GAME TRAVEL

What precautions will be taken for students traveling to games off site?

We are establishing protocols and procedures for this. Our first games will be in mid-September if the current schedule holds.

Will students be able to participate in games and what does travel for games look like this fall?

As of right now we will proceed as normally scheduled as FHSAA still have games slated for the fall. If the FHSAA decides to cancel sports, we are developing plans to allow for internal competition and games among our teams on campus. To the extent it is safe to do so, we will seek to implement these internal competitions to enable our student-athletes to still get footage for recruiters and continue to train in game-like conditions. We are confident that we have the players and framework necessary to create this internal structure.

Sports are building what that internal competition will look like right now and they will communicate that with you if we decide to implement that structure.

What precautions will be taken when other schools come to play at IMG Academy?

We plan to share with other teams our guidelines for how we are keeping our kids safe and we expect them not to have kids who are under the weather to be traveling. We won't have any hand shaking or high fiving before or after the games as we have in years past. Visiting players will be expected to wear a mask on campus when they are not playing in the game/match.

How will practices be run? Will students be in their pods the whole time and will they have to wear masks?

Practices will be run similarly as they have in the past except that student athletes will be primarily practicing with their pod. They do not have to wear a mask while they are practicing but coaches will be wearing masks (except to the extent that they can properly maintain safe social distance). Students are expected to wear their masks to and from practice.

We know the WNBA is on campus and will overlap time there with Academy students. How are the two groups interacting if at all?

There is very limited interaction, if any interaction at all between the WNBA and our Academy students. The WNBA has full access to our basketball program facilities on east campus and is residing primarily at the Legacy Hotel. Both areas students are not allowed to access.

LEAVING CAMPUS

What if I am local and need to sign my child off campus for a doctor's appointment or want them to spend the weekend with family?

As of right now, trips off campus are limited and only a parent/guardian or previously appointed guardian may sign a student off campus. While off campus, the guardian and student should continue to adhere to social distancing guidelines, wear a mask and frequently wash their hands. The student will go through the JHACH screening upon return. Our off-campus trip policy is something we will continue to analyze as guidelines change.



Will there be weekend outings like in previous years?

As of right now, there will be no off-campus trips to ensure the health and safety of our students. As we evaluate as the school year goes on, we may look at off-campus trips in open air areas when students are able to spread out and stay away from others.

Will campers be allowed on campus during the school year?

No, campers and students will not overlap. Our last week of camp will check out on Aug. 29, 2020.