



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 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 health and safety protocols?

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.

How are sport practices being run?

Practices are running as they have in the past except that student athletes are 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](#)

Do boarding students have interactions with non-boarding students? What are protocols for non-boarding students?



Yes, boarding students 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.

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.

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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 and tested as soon as possible per CDC recommendation. 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. **Student-Athletes who are diagnosed with Covid-19 will need to be cleared by a physician at the completion of quarantine and will complete a return to play protocol with their athletic trainer prior to returning to full practice and competition.**

What is Safe Start?

Safe Start is a program designed to help mitigate as much risk as possible for our student athletes, by asking them to remain on campus and refraining from interacting with those outside their pod for two weeks after returning from a scheduled break. As of right now, we will run our Safe Start Program in the two weeks following the below breaks:

- Thanksgiving Break (Safe Start: November 29 – December 13, 2020)
- Winter Break (Safe Start: January 3 – 17, 2021)
- Spring Break (Safe Start: March 21 – April 4, 2021)

As always, these guidelines will continue to be evaluated as the situation evolves and we will keep you updated if anything changes. Below are the current Safe Start protocols that take effect during the two-week period:

- Boarding students not being permitted to leave or be signed off campus by a parent/guardian/host family unless there is an emergency.
 - *NOTE: Reach Leave Requests should be submitted for any emergency situation during the Safe Start Program that would require a student to leave campus.*
- Parents/Guardians will not be allowed on campus during this program (NOTE: attending IMG A scheduled home games but all safety protocols should be followed)
- There will be no travel for non-IMG Academy scheduled games/events
- On-campus sports will follow an enhanced social distancing structure to minimize close contact between players



- Desks in classrooms and chairs in the cafeteria will be spaced to allow for social distancing
- There will be no evening social activities and students will remain in their rooms at night; some outdoor sport activities will be planned for the weekends
- Each day staff, coaches, trainers and teachers will be reminding students of protocols and informing them about why they are important
- Additional staff will be placed in the academic building, residence halls and the cafeteria to help enforce protocols throughout the day

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. In particular while indoors (classrooms, dorm hallways, all buildings) and outside when walking in the company of others. Masks can be taken off while eating, during sport practice, walking alone outside and in their personal dorm room. If you have a medical condition that prevents you from wearing a mask, please reach out to Health Services to discuss.

Have you been 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 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

Are students boarding two to a room?

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



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.

As a parent/guardian, can I enter the residence halls?

While we did allot one hour for parents to enter the dorms to help their child unpack at check-in, at this time, we are only allowing parents into the residence hall lobby for approved sign-outs. Parents and family members should not move past the lobby area of the residence halls.

SCHOOL

Is there an online schooling contingency plan for someone who becomes ill and must 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 are in place in the academic building and in classrooms?

- Classes will be organized so desks and students are social distanced from one another.
- Masks are required of students and teachers, and the building itself is marked into clear one-way systems to prevent students from congregating.
- Students are required to wash their hands or use sanitizer prior to each class.
- Classrooms have sanitizing station with automatic hand sanitizer dispensers, disinfecting wipes, extra masks.
- At the end of each period, the teacher props the door open, so students don't have to open doors.
- Staff monitor the hallways between classes 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.

Are classes in-person, online or hybrid?

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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?

We have been proceeding 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 have built 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 are being taken when other schools come to play at IMG Academy?

We have been sharing our guidelines with other teams for how we are keeping our kids safe and we expect them not to be traveling with any players who may be sick. 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 are practices run and do students have to wear their masks the whole time?

Practices are being run 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.

Can I come on campus to watch my son/daughter practice and/or for a game?

At this time, in order to limit the amount of people on campus we will not be allowing parents to watch practices. Parents are more than welcome to attend scheduled on campus games, but we ask that they wear a mask at all times, not to enter campus buildings and to remain home if they are feeling sick.

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 checked out on Aug. 29, 2020.