



F4 Competitor Advisory Memo

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Subject: USGP COVID Protocols

The following protocols will be in effect during the upcoming Formula 1 United States Grand Prix. All participants are required to follow [Appendix S of the International Sporting Code \(FIA COVID-19 Code of Conduct\)](#) and these guidelines as outlined below. Understand this is a working document, and subject to change. Additional information may be provided as we get closer to the event or during the execution.

Failure to follow these guidelines, and updates provided, will be removed from the facility without warning.

The FIA and Formula 1 have been successfully operating events around the world for nearly two years with minimal COVID cases and negligible transmission. This is directly attributable to adhering to a strict protocol that often exceeds local requirements. Please respect both the letter and the spirit of this protocol and keep the series on track.

BASE LINE

Talk to your doctor to see if you are at an [increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19](#). If you are, it's recommended that you stay home until the threat has decreased.

First and foremost, if you are exhibiting any symptoms of the COVID-19 virus listed below (even if they are mild), we ask that you do not attend the event. These symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus:

- Fever
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle pain
- Sore throat
- Cough
- Chills and repeated shaking with chills
- Headache
- New loss of taste and smell

If you develop these symptoms while at an event, please leave the facility and isolate yourself immediately, and contact Sydney Davis Yagel (713-628-8337 | syagel@sccapro.com) for further instructions.

PRE-EVENT REQUIREMENTS

Each team is required to have a Team Testing Manager. This person is responsible for collecting the required documents discussed below as well as be the point of contact should a member of their team have a positive test result. This person should also plan on having a meeting with all participants to ensure everyone understands these protocols. Once your team has designated its Team Testing Manager, please have that person contact Dan Helman (dhelman@scca.com).

Each participant registered for a credential will be contacted by the FIA testing company, Eurofins, to register in their system using a unique code provided to each individual. This involves downloading the free TrustOne app. Once registered, you will have a barcode that will be used for testing and to access your results.





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You will be required to answer that you are “fit to attend” prior to your arrival. This is defined as:

- You do not suffer from any condition(s) that put you at an increased risk from COVID-19
- Have not suffered from any COVID-19 symptoms in the previous 14 days
- Have not had any close contact with an infected person or with symptoms of COVID-19

You will need to take a COVID-19 PCR test within 96 hours of your arrival into the Support Paddock. It must be a PCR test, not an antigen test. Vaccination status does not exempt you from testing. The results of this test must be emailed to your Team Testing Manager, and this person is required to submit their entire team’s results in one bundle to the F4 U.S. Testing Manager, Dan Helman.

All participants are also required to complete the [FIA Attendee Commitment Form](#). These also must be emailed to your Team Testing Manager, and this person is required to submit their entire team’s forms in one bundle to the F4 U.S. Testing Manager, Dan Helman.

Failure to submit your negative test results or the FIA Attendee Commitment Form will mean you cannot pick up your credential for the event.

CREDENTIALING

Each participant must request credentials through their Team Principal. The Team Principals will be emailing the list to F4 U.S. Credential Manager/Registrar, Kelley Huxtable (FRF4Registration@parellamotorsports.com). Once credentials have been approved by Formula 1, Kelley will be in contact.

No credentials will be given without first providing negative PCR test results and the [FIA Attendee Commitment Form](#). Also, no one may pick up credentials other than the credential holder. Additional details on the location of the Accreditation Center and available hours will be forthcoming.

Only those with a red credential will be allowed on pit lane. Please note that if someone is caught with another person’s credential, you will be removed from the facility without warning.

ON-SITE TESTING

Once you have received your credential, you will need to take another PCR test at one of the Eurofins sites near the entrance of the Support Paddock. Exact locations will be provided as we get closer to the event. Sites are scheduled to be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. We are requesting the sites be open later on Thursday, October 21, but this will be announced at a later date.

Testing is required every five days maximum. Arriving on Thursday should require only one test. If you need to take a PCR test to travel home, you should take it the day before you need the result. Typically if you are traveling on Monday, you would take the test on Saturday.

Each team will be invoiced for the on-site PCR tests after the event. It’s estimated to cost \$105 per person.

BUBBLES AND DISTANCING

All F4 U.S. participants are considered Profile 1 persons. As such, we are held to a higher standard.





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It is expected that you don't mix with others outside of your sub-group (team) whenever possible, even when outside in open air and away the venue. When interaction between sub-groups can't be avoided (grid, picking up tires/parts, counseling with officials/partners), social distancing of six feet or more is required.

The Support Paddock will be close to non-credentialed participants, and there will not be any additional credentials issued outside of the driver allotment initially communicated with Team Principals.

Only two people per car will be allowed on pit lane during F4 U.S. sessions. These two people will be required to stay on pit lane and not go inside any buildings in the Main Paddock as that is a separate bubble.

FACIAL COVERING

Masks are required, indoors and out, in the entire venue during our event (Support Paddock, Pit Lane, the Parking Lots, etc), regardless of signage. Remember, we are Profile 1, and must adhere to a higher standard.

As an exception, masks are highly recommended, but not mandatory, if you are in an enclosed space (tent/trailer) with only people from your own team/sub-group.

Masks are required when traveling in cars or busses with people from a different sub-group. While there is no local mask mandate, we expect that each person will use them when in hotels, or anywhere in town, other than to eat or in your own room.

All face masks must be medical-type masks, and must be changed at least daily. If your team needs to purchase some, here are two recommended options:

- [Uline Surgical Mask](#)
- [Uline Deluxe Surgical Mask](#)

COMMUNICATIONS

It's extremely important that you are stay connected during this event. Things can change, and the quickest way we can update you on these changes is via our free WhatsApp group: [F4 U.S. Group](#)

All results and pre-event communications will be made via our [Official Competitor Email List](#).

All official communications are archived on our website at the following locations:

- [F4 U.S. Championship Competitor Portal](#)
- [F4 U.S. Championship USGP Digital Message Board](#)

Additional updates will be sent via these official communication channels.

We appreciate your assistance in making this event successful.

Please direct your questions to Sydney (syagel@sccapro.com).
