



HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

**WESTERN & SOUTHERN OPEN
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INTRODUCTION

This document is an addendum to the Medical and Operation Plan for the 2020 US Open No Fans On-Site Plan submitted to and approved by the Governor's Office of the State of New York. The Plan is a holistic approach to ensure a healthy and safe environment for all players, entourage members and staff on-site at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center (NTC) during the Western & Southern Open and US Open ("Tournament") and sets a high standard to ensure that all individuals are safe. This Addendum also addresses the continual changes noted by leading health and medical authorities regarding how best to mitigate and reduce the risk of contracting and transmitting COVID-19.

PERSONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

These guidelines for daily personal health and safety are recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in an effort to reduce the risk of contracting or transmitting COVID-19:

- ▶ Wear a face mask at all times;
- ▶ Maintain 6 feet of social distancing from other individuals;
- ▶ Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands;
- ▶ Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- ▶ If water is not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that is at least 60% alcohol;
- ▶ Always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow and do not spit;
- ▶ Throw used tissues in the trash; and
- ▶ Be alert for symptoms and watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.

IMPORTANT - If you develop any symptoms while on-site or have other COVID-19 related issues, contact the Command Center at 718-760-6264

MULTI-TIERED SYSTEM

The creation and implementation of a multi-tiered system based on roles and responsibilities during the Tournaments is designed to separate groups of individuals in an effort to reduce the risk of exposure to the infection.

TIER 1

- ▶ Individuals designated to be in a Tier 1 hotel:
 - Player
 - Player Guest (limited #) - identified as entourage members and may include Coach, Physio or Player Guest
 - ATP, WTA Staff and Physios
 - Designated USTA Tournament Operations Staff
 - Designated USO Player Operations Staff
 - Tournament Referees and Grand Slam Supervisors
 - IDTM Officials

Note: Rooms are set aside at Tier 1 hotels designated as “isolation rooms” in the event that if an individual tests positive for COVID-19 and that individual was sharing a room with another individual, we would move and isolate the infected individual to a different room for isolation.

TIER 2

- ▶ Individuals who may interact with Tier 1 individuals (These individuals may be staying in a Tier 1 hotel, OR in another local hotel OR not in any hotel at all):
 - Player-designated Food Service Staff
 - Player-designated Court Support Staff
 - Player-designated Cleaning Services Staff
 - Player-designated Guest Access Staff
 - Player-designated Security Staff
 - Player-designated Trades (Contractors and Vendors)
 - USTA/NTC Staff
 - Broadcast On-Court Staff or Talent (Only those directly interacting with players)
 - Media Staff (USTA Staff only)
 - Medical Services Staff
 - Officials (Chair Umpires, Review Officials and Line Umpires)
 - Hawk-Eye Staff (electronic line calling)
 - Anti-Doping Chaperone Staff
 - Transportation Support Staff and Drivers
 - Ball Persons

TIER 3

- ▶ Individuals who should not interact with Tier 1 individuals (These individuals are not designated to be in an official Tournament hotel)
- ▶ Security Staff
- ▶ Parking Lot Staff
- ▶ NTC Seasonal Staff
- ▶ Broadcast Staff
- ▶ Food Service Staff
- ▶ Cleaning Services Staff
- ▶ Trades (Contractors and Vendors)
- ▶ Delivery Personnel

COVID-19 MEDICAL TESTING

The Tournament Medical Team was formed to establish medical health and safety protocols and risk mitigation measures to reduce the risk of contracting or transmitting COVID-19 and to ensure the safety of all individuals who are on-site. These protocols and risk mitigation measures comply with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as New York State and New York City Health Guidelines.

- ▶ Part of this overall Tournament Medical Operations Plan requires COVID-19 testing for Tier 1 and designated Tier 2 individuals.
- ▶ Tier 1 testing is located at the Tier 1 hotel (Marriott-Uniondale).
Note: A satellite office for COVID-19 testing will also be set up in the Child Care Center located within Arthur Ashe Stadium to assist with additional testing of Tier 1 individuals while on-site at the NTC.
- ▶ **Tier 1 Testing Cadence**
 - Submit to an Anterior Nares PCR Test upon arrival at the hotel.
 - Tier 1 is not required to submit to an Antibody Test, but it is highly recommended.
Note: Test results are expected to be within 24 hours.
 - Upon receipt of a NEGATIVE result for the initial PCR test, Tier 1 individuals will then be allowed to pick up their Tournament Credential, which are needed to board a transportation bus and access to the NTC.
 - Tier 1 is required to submit to a second Anterior Nares PCR Test 48 hours after the first test.
 - Upon receipt of a NEGATIVE PCR test result of the second Anterior Nares PCR Test, the subsequent frequency of testing is every 4 days.
- ▶ COVID-19 testing for Tier 2 is located at the Chase Lounge on the second floor of the Chase Center.

▶ Tier 2 Testing Cadence

- Submit to a saliva-based PCR Test at the time they first access the NTC.
Note: Tier 2 individuals will not be tested for antibodies.
Note: Individuals are prohibited from accessing Arthur Ashe Stadium until they receive NEGATIVE results from their initial PCR test.
Note: Tier 2 COVID-19 testing will use your mobile device to complete the collection process. DO NOT eat, drink (including water), smoke, or chew gum for at least 30 minutes prior to collection.
- Tier 2 is required to submit to testing every 4 days

Note: Tier 3 individuals WILL NOT be required to submit to COVID-19 Testing, however, they are required to submit to the screenings.

NTC ACCESS PROTOCOLS

- ▶ Everyone must wear a face mask in order to access the NTC. There are no exceptions to this health and safety requirement;
- ▶ Everyone must adhere to all social distancing measures and stay 6 feet apart from other individuals at all times;
- ▶ Everyone must submit the daily Health Questionnaire before access to the NTC is permitted;
- ▶ Temperature must be taken by USTA representative before access to the NTC is permitted;
- ▶ Any individual who registers a temperature of 100.4 or above will have their temperature re-checked. If it is still at 100.4 or above, the individual will not be allowed to access the NTC.
- ▶ For Tier 2 and Tier 3, they will be informed that they cannot enter the NTC and they will be advised to go home and contact their personal physician; and
- ▶ For Tier 1 and Tier 2 staying in hotels, they will be informed that they cannot access the transportation bus and they will be advised to go back to their hotel room and monitor their condition.

Note: Daily temperature checks and daily submission of Health Questionnaires referred to throughout this document as “screening.”

- For Tier 1, screening will be conducted at the Official Hotels (Marriott-Uniondale and Garden City Hotel) prior to arriving at the NTC.
- For Tier 2, screening will be conducted at the North Employee Entrance located at the Turner Gate on Meridian Road AND at the East Gate adjacent to the Chase Center.
- For Tier 3, screening will be conducted at the East Gate adjacent to the Chase Center.
- **Note:** For ESPN Tier 2, the screening will be conducted at their hotel (Marriott-East Elmhurst) prior to arriving at the NTC. In addition, COVID-19 testing for ESPN will be conducted at their hotel.
- ▶ Tournament staff will affix a color-coded wristband to the lanyard of the credential after completion of screening. This will signify to everyone that the individual completed the screening for that day prior to gaining access to the NTC.

- ▶ The above screening is in addition to the usual Tournament Security Screening Procedures for all individuals looking to access the NTC. Security Screening includes a thorough searching of any bag the individual is carrying followed by proceeding through a walk-through metal detection device. The Security Screening will be conducted AFTER the individual has shown the confirmation of completion of the daily Health Questionnaire on their phone and passed the temperature check.
- ▶ For Tier 1 and Tier 2 staying in Official Hotels the screenings will be conducted at the hotel prior to boarding the transportation bus.

CREDENTIALS

- ▶ Everyone must wear their credential at all times while on-site at the NTC.
- ▶ Credential access is substantially the same as it has been in prior years, however we have color-coded the borders of the credentials for the 2020 Tournaments as follows:
 - Tier 1 - Dark Blue
 - Tier 2 - Medium Blue
 - Tier 3 - Red

Note: Tier 3 WILL NOT be allowed access to Arthur Ashe Stadium EXCEPT for those in Tier 3 that have a specific code for Arthur Ashe Stadium because their job function requires access.

- ▶ **Tier 1 and Tier 2 staying in hotels must wear their face mask and have their credential visible each and every time they step outside their hotel room. There are no exceptions.**
- ▶ The ONLY EXCEPTIONS for not wearing a face mask on-site at the NTC are the following situations:
 - Players, when they are on-court for a match or for practice or when they are training.
 - Eating or drinking, which should be done in one spot and not while moving/walking around.
Note: When seated in a dining location everyone must wear their face mask UNLESS they are actively eating and/or drinking.

Signage will be posted throughout the NTC reminding everyone of the safety protocols and risk mitigation measure requirements.

Food & Beverage will be provided at select locations based on your credential access areas.

Enhanced cleaning and disinfection will take place each day and during regular intervals.