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ERIE COUNTY COMPTROLLER

August 25, 2020

President/CEO Eric Gertler  
Empire State Development  
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New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Gertler,

I am writing to you today on behalf of a constituent who reached out to my office in regard to their touch football league in Williamsville, NY. I spoke to the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) about the issue laid out below and was advised that Empire State Development has the final say on reopening and the authority to grant such permission. I very respectfully urge your office to review the matter as soon as possible and allow this organization to return to practice.

Throughout this process, the league has been in regular contact with the ECDOH with regards to their social distancing protocols. From the information shared with my office, they have gone to great lengths to play in a safe and healthy manner. The protocols put in place by the league has been quite pro-active, allowing participants to return to some sense of normalcy, while at the same time, putting the health of participants first. I have attached the guidelines the league shared with all of their players. Despite the numerous health and safety measures put in place that go above and beyond necessary guidelines, it looks like they are still struggling with definitive approval from the correct agency.

Starting in July, Topper Sports reached out to the ECDOH regarding reopening their league, and their proposed protocols to do so. Initially they received permission to reopen the league using their new protocols which are in alignment with the New York State (NYS) "Master Guidance" for such activities. In August, a complaint about the league was filed with ECDOH by an individual from another competing sports league, at which time they were told they could not play. It appears the complaint may have been filed with the intention of purposely hurting Topper Sports, not with the health of participants in mind.

Topper Sports then corresponded the ECDOH, who reviewed their plan and noted they complied and the complaint in fact came from a disgruntled individual with an "axe to grind." The league held their first week of games the week of August 17<sup>th</sup>. However immediately following that week they were told by the ECDOH they needed to shut back down.

As we watch gyms beginning to reopen across the state, similar such group athletics resuming across the state, the need for such things in order to get life back to normal is reinforced. Topper Sports' have complied with all NYS Guidance in order to play. I am hopeful that you can help facilitate a review of this situation and help them resume playing. Please reach out to Patrick McGovern, the President of Topper Sports LLC. by phone at (716) \*\*\*-\*\*\*\* or by email at [topper@toppersports.com](mailto:topper@toppersports.com).

If my office can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at (716) 858-8400. Thank you very much for your attention and quick resolution to this matter.

Sincerely,

Stefan I. Mychajliw, Jr.  
ERIE COUNTY COMPTROLLER

CC: Hon. Michael H. Ranzenhofer, New York State Senate  
Hon. Mike Norris, New York State Assembly  
Hon. Edward A. Rath, III, Erie County Legislature  
Hilda Rosario Escher, ESD Director

Matthew Gorton – ESD - Public Affairs & Communications  
Amanda Mays, ESD - WNY Regional Director  
Steven Cohen, ESD Chair  
Cesar A. Perales, ESD Director



**New York Forward**

## Business Affirmation

**We have received your reopening affirmation on 07/02/2020 at 06:51 am.**

*Print or take a screenshot of this page for your records.*

**Your next step is to create and post your NY Forward Business Safety Plan.**

[Download the NY Forward Business Safety Plan Template](#)

*I am the owner or agent of the business listed. I have reviewed the New York State interim guidance for business re-opening activities and operations during the COVID-19 public health emergency and I affirm that I have read and understand my obligation to operate in accordance with such guidance.*

### **Topper Sports LLC**

Sports and Recreation

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## NY FORWARD SAFETY PLAN TEMPLATE

Each business or entity, including those that have been designated as essential under Empire State Development's Essential Business Guidance, must develop a written Safety Plan outlining how its workplace will prevent the spread of COVID-19. A business may fill out this template to fulfill the requirement, or may develop its own Safety Plan. **This plan does not need to be submitted to a state agency for approval** but must be retained on the premises of the business and must be made available to the New York State Department of Health (DOH) or local health or safety authorities in the event of an inspection.

Business owners should refer to the State's industry-specific guidance for more information on how to safely operate. For a list of regions and sectors that are authorized to re-open, as well as detailed guidance for each sector, please visit: [forward.ny.gov](https://www.forward.ny.gov). If your industry is not included in the posted guidance but your business has been operating as essential, please refer to ESD's [Essential Business Guidance](#) and adhere to the guidelines within this Safety Plan. Please continue to regularly check the New York Forward site for guidance that is applicable to your business or certain parts of your business functions, and consult the state and federal resources listed below.

### COVID-19 Reopening Safety Plan

**Name of Business:**

Topper Sports, LLC

**Industry:**

Recreational Sports League

**Address:**

**Contact Information:**

topper@toppersports.com

**Owner/Manager of Business:**

Patrick McGovern

**Human Resources Representative and Contact Information, if applicable:**

### I. PEOPLE

**A. Physical Distancing.** To ensure employees comply with physical distancing requirements, you agree that you will do the following:

- Ensure 6 ft. distance between personnel, unless safety or core function of the work activity requires a shorter distance. Any time personnel are less than 6 ft. apart from one another, personnel must wear acceptable face coverings.
- Tightly confined spaces will be occupied by only one individual at a time, unless all occupants are wearing face coverings. If occupied by more than one person, will keep occupancy under 50% of maximum capacity.

- Post social distancing markers using tape or signs that denote 6 ft. of spacing in commonly used and other applicable areas on the site (e.g. clock in/out stations, health screening stations)
- Limit in-person gatherings as much as possible and use tele- or video-conferencing whenever possible. Essential in-person gatherings (e.g. meetings) should be held in open, well-ventilated spaces with appropriate social distancing among participants.
- Establish designated areas for pick-ups and deliveries, limiting contact to the extent possible.

*List common situations that may not allow for 6 ft. of distance between individuals. What measures will you implement to ensure the safety of your employees in such situations?*

we don't have any employees, we do have in game officials(refs) who will maintain social distacing as much as possible

*How you will manage engagement with customers and visitors on these requirements (as applicable)?*

we will have designated stagings ares for teams, spectators, as well as direction foot traffic markings

*How you will manage industry-specific physical social distancing (e.g., shift changes, lunch breaks) (as applicable)?*

face mask shall be worn when walking to and from fields, players are encouraged to wear them if not playing. hand sanitizer will be available for all players upon entering the fields.

## II. PLACES

**A. Protective Equipment.** To ensure employees comply with protective equipment requirements, you agree that you will do the following:

- Employers must provide employees with an acceptable face covering at no-cost to the employee and have an adequate supply of coverings in case of replacement.

*What quantity of face coverings – and any other PPE – will you need to procure to ensure that you always have a sufficient supply on hand for employees and visitors? How will you procure these supplies?*

Face coverings will be purchased and provided for participants. also, all participants will be intructed to bring their own face covering.

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- Face coverings must be cleaned or replaced after use or when damaged or soiled, may not be shared, and should be properly stored or discarded.

*What policy will you implement to ensure that PPE is appropriately cleaned, stored, and/or discarded?*  
again, we don't have employees, but face coverings will be provided for volunteers when helping manage games and participants

- Limit the sharing of objects and discourage touching of shared surfaces; or, when in contact with shared objects or frequently touched areas, wear gloves (trade-appropriate or medical); or, sanitize or wash hands before and after contact.

*List common objects that are likely to be shared between employees. What measures will you implement to ensure the safety of your employees when using these objects?*  
players will be encouraged to wear gloves, hand sanitizer will be provided upon entering the fields.

**B. Hygiene and Cleaning.** To ensure employees comply with hygiene and cleaning requirements, you agree that you will do the following:

- Adhere to hygiene and sanitation requirements from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) and [Department of Health](#) (DOH) and maintain cleaning logs on site that document date, time, and scope of cleaning.

*Who will be responsible for maintaining a cleaning log? Where will the log be kept?*  
the facilities are rented on a season by season basis, the Angry Buffalo is responsible for cleanliness of the facilities

- Provide and maintain hand hygiene stations for personnel, including handwashing with soap, water, and paper towels, or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing 60% or more alcohol for areas where handwashing is not feasible.

*Where on the work location will you provide employees with access to the appropriate hand hygiene and/or sanitizing products and how will you promote good hand hygiene?*

Hand sanitizer will be available upon entering the fields at the registration table

- Conduct regular cleaning and disinfection at least after every shift, daily, or more frequently as needed, and frequent cleaning and disinfection of shared objects (e.g. tools, machinery) and surfaces, as well as high transit areas, such as restrooms and common areas, must be completed.

*What policies will you implement to ensure regular cleaning and disinfection of your worksite and any shared objects or materials, using [products](#) identified as effective against COVID-19?*  
we do not have shared objects as we are a sports league playing out doors.

**C. Communication. To ensure the business and its employees comply with communication requirements, you agree that you will do the following:**

- Post signage throughout the site to remind personnel to adhere to proper hygiene, social distancing rules, appropriate use of PPE, and cleaning and disinfecting protocols.
- Establish a communication plan for employees, visitors, and customers with a consistent means to provide updated information.
- Maintain a continuous log of every person, including workers and visitors, who may have close contact with other individuals at the work site or area; excluding deliveries that are performed with appropriate PPE or through contactless means; excluding customers, who may be encouraged to provide contact information to be logged but are not mandated to do so.

*Which employee(s) will be in charge of maintaining a log of each person that enters the site (excluding customers and deliveries that are performed with appropriate PPE or through contactless means), and where will the log be kept?*

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- If a worker tests positive for COVID-19, employer must immediately notify state and local health departments and cooperate with contact tracing efforts, including notification of potential contacts, such as workers or visitors who had close contact with the individual, while maintaining confidentiality required by state and federal law and regulations.

*If a worker tests positive for COVID-19, which employee(s) will be responsible for notifying state and local health departments?*

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### III. PROCESS

**A. Screening.** To ensure the business and its employees comply with protective equipment requirements, you agree that you will do the following:

- Implement mandatory health screening assessment (e.g. questionnaire, temperature check) before employees begin work each day and for essential visitors, asking about (1) COVID-19 [symptoms](#) in past 14 days, (2) positive COVID-19 test in past 14 days, and/or (3) close contact with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case in past 14 days. Assessment responses must be reviewed every day and such review must be documented.

*What type(s) of daily health and screening practices will you implement? Will the screening be done before employee gets to work or on site? Who will be responsible for performing them, and how will those individuals be trained?*

we do not have any employees, but all volunteers will be screened prior to arriving at the fields

*If screening onsite, how much PPE will be required for the responsible parties carrying out the screening practices? How will you supply this PPE?*

n/a

**B. Contact tracing and disinfection of contaminated areas.** To ensure the business and its employees comply with contact tracing and disinfection requirements, you agree that you will do the following:

- Have a plan for cleaning, disinfection, and contact tracing in the event of a positive case.

*In the case of an employee testing positive for COVID-19, how will you clean the applicable contaminated areas? What products identified as effective against COVID-19 will you need and how will you acquire them?*

we have a list of all players(customers) contact information in the event that contact tracing is required

*In the case of an employee testing positive for COVID-19, how will you trace close contacts in the workplace? How will you inform close contacts that they may have been exposed to COVID-19?*

n/a

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#### IV. OTHER

Please use this space to provide additional details about your business's Safety Plan, including anything to address specific industry guidance.

we are a recreational sports league. we are a moderate risk sports, co-ed touch football, similiar to flag football listed under moderate risk sports.

signs will be posted at the fields regarding health and saftey measures

spectators will be limited and restricted to certain areas

foottraffic will be bi-directional

we will have a hand sanitizer station, all players must check in prior to playing.

Staying up to date on industry-specific guidance:

To ensure that you stay up to date on the guidance that is being issued by the State, you will:

- Consult the NY Forward website at [forward.ny.gov](https://forward.ny.gov) and applicable Executive Orders at [governor.ny.gov/executiveorders](https://governor.ny.gov/executiveorders) on a periodic basis or whenever notified of the availability of new guidance.

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## State and Federal Resources for Businesses and Entities

As these resources are frequently updated, please stay current on state and federal guidance issued in response to COVID-19.

### *General Information*

[New York State Department of Health \(DOH\) Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Website](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Website](#)

[Occupational Safety and Health Administration \(OSHA\) COVID-19 Website](#)

### *Workplace Guidance*

[CDC Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan, Prepare and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019](#)

[OSHA Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19](#)

### *Personal Protective Equipment Guidance*

[DOH Interim Guidance on Executive Order 202.16 Requiring Face Coverings for Public and Private Employees](#)

[OSHA Personal Protective Equipment](#)

### *Cleaning and Disinfecting Guidance*

[New York State Department of Environmental Conservation \(DEC\) Registered Disinfectants of COVID-19](#)

[DOH Interim Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfection of Public and Private Facilities for COVID-19](#)

[CDC Cleaning and Disinfecting Facilities](#)

### *Screening and Testing Guidance*

[DOH COVID-19 Testing](#)

[CDC COVID-19 Symptoms](#)

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Risk Profiles	Description	Sports (Non-Exhaustive)		Type of Play Allowed	
<b>Higher-Risk Sports</b>	Least ability to maintain physical distance and/or be done individually  Least ability to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>avoid touching of shared equipment, clean/disinfect equipment between uses by different individuals, or</li> <li>not use shared equipment at all</li> </ol>	Football	Volleyball	✓	Individual or distanced group training or activities
		Wrestling	Martial arts	✓	Organized no/low-contact group training (e.g. sport camps and clinics)
		Ice hockey	Competitive cheer/dance	X	Competitive team practices
		Rugby		X	Games, meets, matches, scrimmages (e.g. organized leagues, pick-up sports)
		Basketball		X	Competitive tournaments of multiple games, meets, matches, or scrimmages requiring travel
<b>Moderate-Risk Sports</b>	Limited ability to maintain physical distance and/or be done individually  Limited ability to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>avoid touching of shared equipment, clean/disinfect equipment between uses by different individuals, or</li> <li>not use shared equipment at all</li> </ol>	Baseball/ Softball	Crew (2+ rowers)	✓	Individual or distanced group training or activities
		Doubles tennis	Rafting		
		Racket games (e.g. badminton, racquetball)	Paintball		
		Water polo	Soccer	✓	Organized no/low-contact group training (e.g. sport camps and clinics)
		Gymnastics	Non-contact lacrosse		
		Field hockey	Flag football	✓	Competitive team practices
		Swimming relays	BMX bike racing		
<b>Lower-Risk Sports</b>	Greatest ability to maintain physical distance and/or be done individually  Greatest ability to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>avoid touching of shared equipment, clean/disinfect equipment between uses by different individuals, or</li> <li>not use shared equipment at all</li> </ol>	Individual running	Individual swimming		
		Batting cages	Individual crew	✓	Games, meets, matches, scrimmages (e.g. organized leagues, pick-up sports)
		Hunting/ Shooting/ Archery	Cross country running		
		Golf/Mini-golf	Toss/bowl games (e.g. horseshoes, bocce, bean bag toss)	X	Competitive tournaments of multiple games, meets, matches, or scrimmages requiring travel.
		Non-motorized boating	Flying disc games (e.g. disc golf, frisbee)		
		Singles tennis	Ropes courses		
		Rock climbing			
		Horse events and competition			

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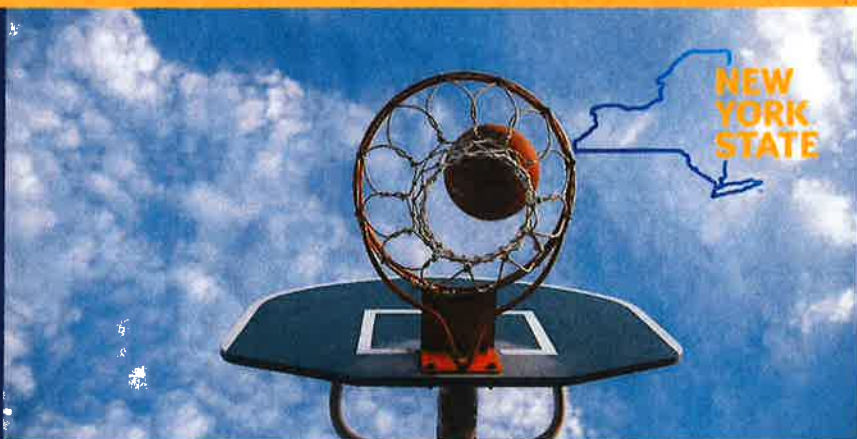
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	Mandatory	Recommended Best Practices
<b>Physical Distancing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ For any indoor sport or recreational activity, limit capacity to no more than 50% of the maximum occupancy for a particular area, inclusive of employees, patrons/players/spectators.</li> <li>✓ No more than 2 spectators per player.</li> <li>✓ Ensure 6 ft. distance between individuals at all times, whether indoors or outdoors, unless safety or core activity (e.g. practicing, playing) requires a shorter distance. If a shorter distance is required, individuals must wear face coverings, unless players are unable to tolerate such a covering for the physical activity (practicing, playing); provided, however, that coaches, trainers, and/or other individuals who are not directly engaged in activity are required to wear face coverings.</li> <li>✓ Employees at check-in/appointment desks must maintain six feet from other individuals, unless there is a physical barrier between them. Any time employees interact with patrons/players/spectators, they must wear acceptable face coverings.</li> <li>✓ Post signage and distance markers denoting spaces of 6 ft. in all commonly used areas indoors for employees and any areas in which lines are commonly formed or people may congregate (e.g. break rooms, equipment checkout areas, cash register areas, locker rooms).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Stagger schedules for patrons/players and/or teams to utilize facilities.</li> <li>✓ Enact physical barriers (e.g. plastic shielding walls) at appointment desks, where they would not impair air flow, heating, cooling, or ventilation, in accordance with <a href="#">OSHA guidelines</a>.</li> <li>✓ Modify layouts and reduce bi-directional foot traffic of patrons/players/spectators walking through spaces by posting signs with arrows in narrow paths, hallways, or spaces.</li> <li>✓ Prohibit the use of small spaces (e.g. behind cash registers, equipment checkout areas) by more than one individual at a time, unless all individuals are wearing face coverings.</li> <li>✓ Encourage patrons to use touchless payment, pay ahead, or reserve options, when available.</li> </ul>
<b>On-Site Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ For outdoor fitness classes:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limit class sizes in accordance with the social gathering restrictions that are in effect within the region.</li> <li>• Ensure patrons maintain a distance of 6 ft. from one another and class instructor(s).</li> <li>• Prohibit higher-risk activities where physical contact can't be continuously avoided (e.g. martial arts, boxing).</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Monitor and control the flow of traffic into the facility or area to ensure adherence to maximum capacity requirements.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ For sports/recreation activities that may involve group interaction, use remote check-in where applicable (e.g. to reserve courts, tee times).</li> <li>✓ For outdoor fitness classes:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage patrons to bring their own equipment (e.g. yoga mats), or clean/disinfect equipment that is made available for patrons after each use.</li> <li>• Implement work-out "shifts" in which individuals sign up for designated times to attend classes and build cohorts that remain consistent (i.e. the same set of people work-out together each time).</li> <li>• Discourage hands-on adjustments (e.g. yoga)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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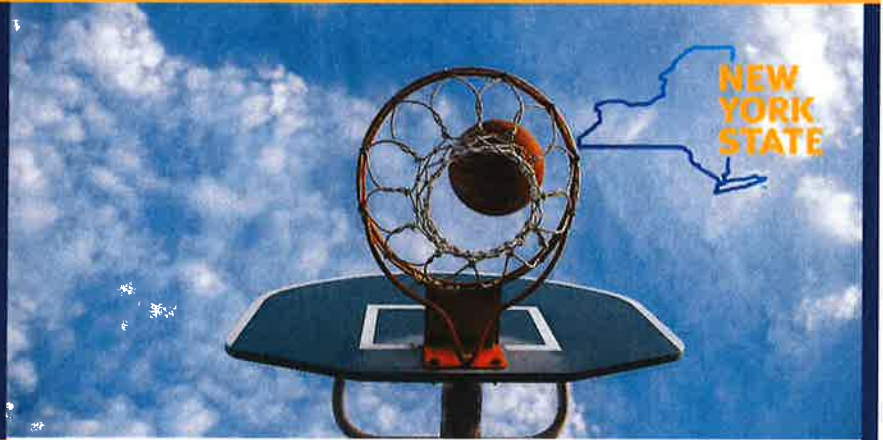
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	Mandatory	Recommended Best Practices
<b>On-Site Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ For any food service activities, follow the food service guidelines applicable to the region.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For golf courses/driving ranges:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limit tee times to 4 players, except for members of the same household</li> <li>• Restrict use of golf carts to single riders or members of the same household only, unless a physical barrier that doesn't impede visibility/operation of the cart is in place.</li> <li>• Keep golf bags in possession, when possible</li> <li>• Prohibit the use of bunker rakes (except by employees/maintenance staff), ball washers, and water coolers.</li> <li>• Permit golf pros on the course, provided they do not touch players and keep 6 ft. distance at all times unless wearing a face covering or separated by a physical barrier.</li> <li>• Prohibit common use of tees/scorecards/pencils/ball markers among non-household members, unless such items are cleaned/disinfected between use.</li> <li>• Only allow club/equipment rentals if cleaned/disinfected before/after player use.</li> <li>• Post messaging/signage to reflect interim rules.</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Adjust hours as necessary to enable enhanced cleaning/disinfection procedures.</li> <li>✓ Limit the number of people on walking, running, and hiking trails at any given time by posting signage reminding them to avoid <b>congregating in groups</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>Protective Equipment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Ensure individuals not participating in sports or recreation activities (e.g. coaches, spectators) wear appropriate face coverings when they are within less than 6 ft. of other individuals, unless a physical barrier is present.</li> <li>✓ Employees must wear face coverings any time they interact with patrons/ players/spectators, regardless of distance.</li> <li>✓ Provide employees with an acceptable face covering at no-cost to the employee and have an adequate supply of coverings in case of need for replacement.</li> </ul>	



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Protective Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Acceptable face coverings include but are not limited to cloth (e.g. homemade sewn, quick cut, bandana) or surgical masks.</li> <li>✓ Clean, replace, and prohibit sharing of face coverings. Consult the CDC guidance for additional information on cloth face coverings and other types of personal protective equipment (PPE), as well as instructions on use and cleaning and disinfection.</li> <li>✓ Train workers on how to don, doff, clean (as applicable), and discard PPE.</li> <li>✓ Limit the sharing of objects (e.g. equipment) and discourage touching of shared surfaces (e.g. cash registers); or, when in contact with shared objects or frequently touched areas, wear gloves (trade-appropriate or medical); or, sanitize or wash hands before and after contact.</li> </ul>	
Hygiene, Cleaning, and Disinfection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Adhere to hygiene and sanitation requirements from the <a href="#">Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</a> (CDC) and <a href="#">Department of Health</a> (DOH) and maintain cleaning logs on site that document date, time, and scope of cleaning.</li> <li>✓ Provide and maintain hand hygiene station, including handwashing with soap, water, and paper towels, as well as an alcohol based hand sanitizer containing 60% or more alcohol for areas where handwashing is not feasible.</li> <li>✓ Hand sanitizer must be place throughout the site for use by employees and patrons/players/spectators.</li> <li>✓ Provide and encourage employees to use cleaning/disinfecting supplies before and after use of shared and frequently touched surfaces, followed by hand hygiene.</li> <li>✓ Prohibit shared food and beverages among employees (e.g. self-serve meals and beverages), encourage employees to bring lunch from home, and reserve adequate space for employees to observe social distancing while eating meals.</li> </ul>	

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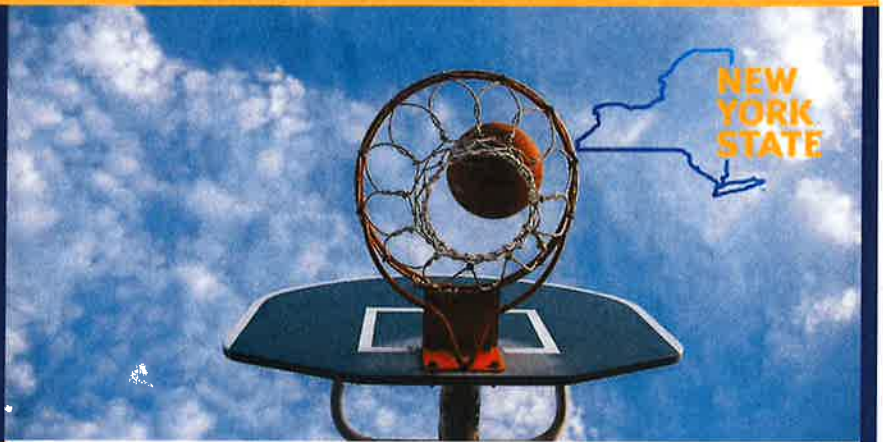
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Hygiene, Cleaning, and Disinfection (cont'd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Conduct regular cleaning and disinfection and more frequent cleaning and disinfection of shared objects and surfaces, as well as high transit areas, such as payment devices, pickup areas, restrooms, common areas, using Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) <a href="#">products</a> identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as effective against COVID-19.</li> <li>✓ If cleaning or disinfection products or the act of cleaning and disinfection causes safety hazards or degrades the material or machinery, personnel should have access to a hand hygiene station between use and/or be supplied with disposable gloves.</li> </ul>	
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Affirm you have reviewed and understand the state-issued industry guidelines, and that you will adhere to them.</li> <li>✓ Post signage inside and outside of the facility or area to remind personnel and patrons/players/spectators to adhere to proper hygiene, social distancing rules, appropriate use of PPE, and cleaning and disinfection protocols.</li> <li>✓ Conspicuously post completed safety plans on site.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ In partnership with community organizations, leagues, etc., establish a communication plan for employees, visitors, and clients with a consistent means to provide updated information.</li> </ul>
Screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Implement mandatory health screening assessment (e.g. questionnaire, temperature check) for employees and, where practicable, vendors, but do not mandate for patrons/players/spectators or delivery personnel.</li> <li>✓ At minimum, screening must determine whether the worker or vendor has had: (1) COVID-19 <a href="#">symptoms</a> in past 14 days, (2) positive COVID-19 test in past 14 days, and/or (3) close or proximate contact with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case in past 14 days. Assessment responses must be reviewed and such review must be documented.</li> <li>✓ Designate a site safety monitor whose responsibilities include continuous compliance with all aspects of the site safety plan.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Perform screening remotely (e.g. by telephone or electronic survey), before reporting to the location, to the extent possible.</li> <li>✓ On-site screeners should be trained by employer-identified individuals familiar with CDC, DOH, and OSHA protocols and wear appropriate PPE, including at a minimum, a face covering.</li> <li>✓ Refer to DOH <a href="#">guidance</a> regarding protocols and policies for employees seeking to return to work after a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 or after the employee had close or proximate contact with a person with COVID-19.</li> </ul>

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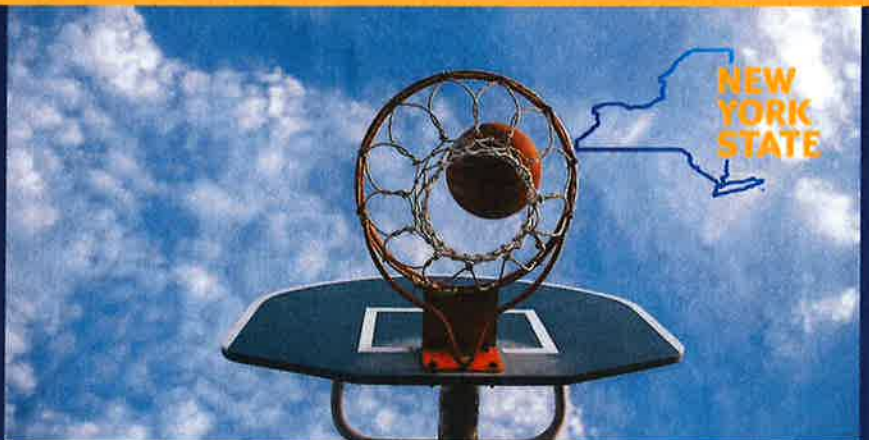
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## Sports and Recreation Guidelines



This guidance is effective immediately for the statewide permitted outdoor, low-risk recreational activities, as determined by the [Empire State Development Corporation](#). For all other sports and recreational activities described herein, this guidance is effective on July 6, 2020 in regions that have reached or surpassed Phase 3 of the State's reopening.

These guidelines also apply to non-professional and non-collegiate sports and recreation activities conducted by gyms/fitness centers/training facilities. However, such facilities are limited to no more participants than is allowed under the non-essential gathering restriction that is in effect for their region; and such facilities are prohibited from conducting indoor activities at this time.

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Screening (cont'd)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Maintain a continuous log of every person, including employees, who may have close or proximate contact with other individuals at the work site or area; excluding patrons/players/spectators and deliveries that are performed with appropriate PPE or through contactless means.</li> <li>✓ Encourage – but do not require – patrons/players/spectators to complete a health screen and provide contact information so that they can be logged and contacted for contact tracing, if necessary.</li> </ul>