

Surprise Storm Covid-19 FAQ for 2020/2021

As we have reopened Surprise Storm following the Covid-19 cancellations, there will be several changes made in adherence to CDC and AZ Health Department recommendations in an effort to make our team as safe as possible for our athletes, families, coaches, and staff. Below you will find a rudimentary list of these changes, which may be amended, removed, or added to should the need arise during the course of the season. We at the City of Surprise thank you and all of our athletes and their families for working with us to make sure we can continue to offer competitive swimming, and the many benefits that come with it, during this unprecedented time. Below you will find an FAQ of the changes being made for the safety of our participants and spectators.

Will there be a limit on how many athletes are in the pool at one time? Yes, per USA Swimming, we are allowing up to 6 swimmers per lane and distancing while not in the pool.

What will be done to limit exposure? We will be limiting sharable equipment to little or none if possible. If equipment is shared coaches will be responsible for sanitizing equipment before the next athlete uses it. When this is not possible, equipment will be sanitized before and after each practice/meet. Staff will be sanitizing high touch areas and equipment before, during and after each practice/meet.

Will we be allowed to use bleachers or can we bring our own chairs? Spectators are not allowed during practices; however, when prohibited by a host team, we recommend bringing your own chairs and sitting 6 feet apart from other spectators, where space permits.

What happens if a child or coach is sick on my team? If you are sick, please stay home. Inform your coach. If a swimmer or coach has tested positive, a notice will be sent out in regards to next steps.

Will everyone be required to wear masks? Coaches, staff, and others attending organized sport activities should follow appropriate CDC guidance for physical distancing and are required to wear face masks when distancing is not possible. Following CDC guidelines, players will not be required to wear masks during physical activity.

Will you be limiting the amount of spectators during an event? At this time, we will limit the amount of spectators a participant can have. As of right now, spectators are not allowed during practices. During meets, the host team will determine guidelines in regards to how many spectators and any procedures that will need to be followed. We recommend that those who are at higher risk of severe illness avoid attending at this time.

How will you control the amount of people entering and exiting the facilities? At the facilities that have the capability, we will have a separate entrance and exit. We ask that all athletes show up no earlier than 10 minutes before and stay no longer than 10 minutes after each practice/meet.

Will the City still offer water at practices/meets? No, the City of Surprise will no longer be able to offer water jugs and cups at practices or meets. Athlete's must bring their own water bottles, labeled, to each practice and game. Please remind your athletes not to touch items that do not belong to them.

Will the City do temperature checks before each practice/meet? No. We ask the parents to temperature check their children before each practice and meet. If they have a fever of 100 degrees or more, we ask that they stay home and report it to the coach or the Recreation & Aquatics Division.

For more questions, please contact the Recreation & Aquatics Division at 623.222.2000.