



## **COVID -19 REOPENING GUIDELINES**

These guidelines are based upon the New York State Forward Business Re-Opening Safety Plan Template, the US Rowing Re-opening the Boathouse/Return to Training considerations Post-Covid-19 and guidance from Concept 2 on cleaning/disinfecting of oars.

- 1. All participants will wear a mask, except when in the boat, and, will maintain social distancing as much as possible.
- 2. Every participant will bring their own personal towel for handwashing pre and post rowing session.
- 3. Every participant, to include coach/s and volunteer launch drivers, will go through a health screening process to include:
  - temperature taken with a temporal artery (forehead) digital thermometer
  - answer screening questions:
    - -- Have you traveled to a high risk area such as NYC, overseas
    - -- Have you had any contact with an individual who is positive for Covid -19
- -- Are you having any symptoms (fatigue, shortness of breath, dyspnea upon exertion, cough, sore throat, congestion, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of smell and/or taste, loss of appetite
- 4. Every participant will then proceed to the handwashing station located on the picnic table at the front of the boathouse and perform 20 sec of hand washing, using their own personal towel to dry their hands.
- 5. Oars will be carried to the dock by each individual participant.
- 6. Single boats only will be used; doubles if a family. Boats may be carried by 2 individuals as social distancing can be easily maintained with one individual at each end.
- 7. The coach's launch/s will be taken to the water with the minimum number of individuals required.

#### **Coach responsibilities:**

1. The coach will unlock/open and the close/relock the gates to the boatyard, the boathouse and the 2 front doors to each bay.





- 2. The coach will be responsible for disinfection of all and any locks/gates/door handles he/she touched in opening and closing for the practice.
- 3. The coach will be responsible for maintaining gas both purchasing the gas and then pouring gas into the can required for use with the motor and then placing/removing the motor gas can in the launch and connect/disconnecting to the motor.
- 4. The coach will be responsible for disinfecting anything and everything he/she touched/handled in the launch for during operation during the practice session.
- 5. The coaches will be responsible for setting up and taking down the workhorses to be used for washing and disinfecting the oars.

#### Launches:

- 1. Only the 2 smaller launches are to be used for practices.
- 2. The motors will be put on each launch prior to opening for the season and then left on the launch no removal after each practice.
- 3. The launches, with the motors on, will be left in the bays in the boathouse between practices.

#### **Cleaning of equipment:**

- 1. All club owned equipment will be cleaned following the below guidelines.
- a cleaning station for the oars will be set up to include a bucket of water, a spray bottle of Simple Green, a scrub brush, clean towels and a spray bottle of the disinfectant hydrogen peroxide.
  - the oar handles and shafts will be sprayed with the Simple Green
- the scrub brush will be dipped into the bucket of plain water and then used to scrub the oar handle and shaft
- the oar handle and shaft will then be rinsed with plain water from the bucket
- the oar handle and shaft will then be dried with a clean towel. That towel will then be placed in the dirty towel bin
- the oar handle and shaft will then be sprayed with the hydrogen peroxide and taken to the oar rack where the hydrogen peroxide will be allowed to air dry.





The individual carrying the oars to the oar rack will either have performed handwashing prior to picking up the oars or wear a pair of clean, unused gloves.

The outside of the club owned boat will be cleaned as usual after practice.

The individual who rowed the single will disinfect the inside of the boat by spraying the following parts with the hydrogen peroxide, allowed to air dry – the oarlocks and the foot stretchers/shoes and any other part that the rower touched.

Any individual rowing their own equipment and using their own oars will be responsible for cleaning/disinfecting if desired per their choice.

## **Towels:**

- 1. Towels can only be used once.
- 2. Towels that have been used will be placed in the bin designated for dirty towels.
- 3. Responsibility for washing the towels will be rotated between the 3 groups the AM masters, the Juniors and the PM masters
- 4. Cleaning of the towels requires nothing more than water, laundry detergent and a washing machine. A special "disinfectant" laundry detergent is not required.





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