



***Executive Order 2020-63:** SC Commerce, in close consultation with DHEC, is managing an [exception process](#) specific to events/large mass gatherings where more than 250 guests are expected, as outlined in the [recent executive order](#). These events will be required to satisfactorily demonstrate an ability to comply with federal and state COVID-19 procedures and protocols.

The CDC offers a readiness and planning tool for event planners and administrators to help protect staff, volunteers and attendees and slow the spread of COVID-19. [Considerations for Events and Gatherings](#)

These guidelines are intended for application in non-health care related places of employment. The foundation guidelines for businesses and employers remains the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)'s Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#).
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>

OVERVIEW

The purpose of these guidelines is to allow the public to again enjoy motorsports events while providing standards that encourage public health and safety. As with all other matters concerning COVID-19, the responsibility of slowing or stopping the advance of this disease is a responsibility shared by all, including facility owners and staff, event participants and spectators.

These guidelines were developed based upon social conditions and other information concerning COVID-19 as of May 29, 2020. The health and safety measures outlined in this plan were formed utilizing CDC and SCDHEC recommendations at this time. It is recognized, however, that the information and circumstances concerning COVID-19 remains fluid and variable. Therefore, these guidelines are subject to change in correspondence with new knowledge of COVID-19 or changing social conditions. The foundation guideline for businesses and employers remains the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)'s Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#).

GENERAL

In general, it is recommended that motorsports facilities develop social distancing plans and modified operational protocols, as well as consistent sanitizing procedures, in order to make their staff, participant and spectator experience as safe as possible. Below is a list of recommended activities specifically created for motorsports facilities as they prepare to reopen



for business.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Adjusted guest capacity levels for each facility should be determined to ensure compliance with social distancing requirements and in consideration of facility size, layout, and operational needs.
- Six-foot spacing markers should be used for all queuing areas or waiting lines in common areas (e.g., concessions, entrance gate, restrooms, etc.).
- Cashless transactions should be encouraged. Cash exchanges should be limited as much as possible.

PIT STALLS/AREAS

- Access to pit areas should be limited to race teams or pit crews. Spectators should not enter pit areas. Race teams/pit crews should remain in the pit area and should not enter spectator areas.
- The congregation between race teams or pit crews should be discouraged or disallowed. Pit crews/race teams should maintain six-foot social distance whenever possible.
- Pit crew or race team members should not enter the facility if they have been sick or if they are feeling sick. Anyone who experiences symptoms associated with COVID-19 or otherwise becomes ill during an event must be required to leave.

SANITATION

- Commonly used surfaces, such as doors, handrails, etc., should be cleaned and disinfected regularly.
- Restrooms should be cleaned and disinfected on a regular and frequent basis. Restrooms must provide soap and hot water and/or hand sanitizer.
- Frequently clean and disinfect all high touch surfaces that cannot be eliminated (for example by propping or holding a door open or removing the lids off of trash cans). Follow the CDC Guidelines for Cleaning and Disinfecting.

SIGNAGE/COMMUNICATION

- Posters, signs or other visual communication tools should be displayed throughout the facility to remind spectators of social distancing requirements and other steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- Compliance with social distancing should be encouraged through periodic announcements or audio recordings.



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- Where feasible, require mask and glove use by staff who interact directly with spectators.

CONCESSIONS

- Concessions areas must comply with all SCDHEC standards and additional protocols as required by the State. It is highly recommended that concession areas follow the State's applicable recommendations for re-opening and operating restaurants.

SEATING

- Spectators must adhere to social distancing requirements for anyone not in the same party. Bleachers and seating areas should be marked or arranged to allow for proper social distancing.

EVENT SCHEDULES

- Event schedules should be modified to account for reduced capacities. Event schedules must include adequate buffer times between events to allow spectators, drivers and pit crews to enter and exit the facility with limited interaction.
- It is recommended to develop event schedules that allow sufficient time between events for facilities to be cleaned and disinfected as needed.

ENTRANCE/EXIT PROCEDURES

- Where possible, provide separate and clearly marked points of entry and exit for spectators.
- Entrance areas should be marked to follow social distancing guidelines allowing 6-foot space between parties. Staff should assist with crowd control by reminding spectators to maintain social distancing when queuing at the gate or other common areas.
- Individuals should not be allowed to congregate in common areas or parking lots following an event. Strategies should be developed that will avoid large crowds at exits, such as dismissing crowds by section.

STAFF SAFETY

- If possible, facilities may utilize any of the screening methods recommended by the CDC.

Guidelines for Motorsports Facilities



Guidelines are updated frequently to align with modifications from the CDC and executive orders.

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- Staff must conduct daily symptom assessments (self-evaluation). Staff should not enter the facility if they have been sick or if they are feeling sick. Anyone who experiences symptoms associated with COVID-19 or otherwise becomes ill must be required to leave.
 - Staff must follow all hygiene guidelines. Staff must wash hands for no less than 20 seconds after each restroom use and as needed throughout their shift.
 - Staff must follow recommended social distance guidelines when possible, while still abiding by required safety precautions set forth by the facility.
 - Staff should sanitize all multi-use and sharable equipment used to complete job duties, before and after each shift.

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