

OSS COVID-19 Guidelines

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This document provides guidelines for participation in Orleans Sweeps and Sculls (OSS) activities to ensure the safety of all participants and compliance with recently government-issued COVID-19 directives.¹

The following guidelines apply to all participants in OSS activities, including coaches and member and non-member rowers ("Participants").

Rowing Operations

- OSS will reopen for rowing activities on **Monday, May 25th, 2020**.
- Participant boat usage is limited to singles, unless Participants are members of the same household.
- Coached sessions are limited to no more than 10 Participants.
- Participants who do not use their own equipment (boats and oars) will be assigned exclusive use of OSS equipment for a duration of up to two weeks at a time. Assignment of OSS equipment will be on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Participants are responsible for cleaning their own/assigned equipment.
- All Participants must sign the on-site logbook prior to launching.

Social Distancing/Hygiene

- Participants should remain at least six feet apart to the greatest extent possible.
- Participants must wear face coverings/masks while in the boat yard and at the launch site, if other people are present. *Participants are responsible for supplying their own face coverings/masks.*
- Participants should wash/sanitize hands before and after handling OSS-provided boat cleaning equipment (hose, bucket, sponges) and the on-site logbook.
- It is recommended that Participants carry small containers of hand sanitizer to use before and after touching potentially contaminated surfaces.
- Participants shall not enter the boat yard if they feel ill, have been diagnosed with COVID-19, or have been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19.

¹ On May 18, 2020, Governor Baker issued *COVID-19 Order No. 33: Order Implementing a Phased Reopening of Workplaces and Imposing Workplace Safety Measures to Address COVID-19*, implementing a phased reopening of workplaces and imposing workplace safety measures to address COVID-19. That same day, he issued *COVID-19 Order No. 34: Order Expanding Access to and Use of State Beaches and Addressing Other Outdoor Recreational Activities*, which directed the Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to "issue guidance for the implementation of generally applicable COVID-19 workplace standards by operators of and participants in outdoor recreational activities."

The following documents provide COVID-19 related standards and guidance for recreational boating businesses, which include rowing facilities/clubs:

- <https://www.mass.gov/doc/recreational-boating-and-other-waterway-related-activities-5-18-20/download>
- <https://www.mass.gov/doc/recreational-boating-application-of-guidelines-5-18-20/download>