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## *The Comeback*

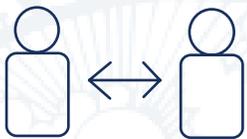


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Outdoor Motorsport and Powersport Racing**

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Under Gov. Justice’s reopening plan, **West Virginia Strong — The Comeback**, motorsports and powersports racing, to the extent they have been limited, are allowed to resume operations, and such motorsports and powersports racing may have spectators attend beginning on Monday, June 22, 2020, provided that any events are structured to allow for adequate social distancing. To do so, Gov. Justice has issued the following guidance to mitigate the exposure and spread of COVID-19 among participants and spectators. These guidelines, in addition to any and all relevant guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), and any governing/oversight bodies will help West Virginians safely participate in motorsports and powersports racing. Such facilities and operations are allowed and encouraged to implement more stringent protocols as they see fit.

**Note:** Effective as of July 7, 2020, all individuals over the age of 9 are required to wear face coverings when in confined, indoor spaces, other than one’s residence or while actively engaged in the consumption of food and/or beverage, and when not able to adequately social distance from other individuals who do not reside in the same household, pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order 50-20.

Per CDC Guidance, exempt from this requirement are:

- children younger than 2 years old,
- anyone who has trouble breathing through a face covering, and
- persons who are unable to remove the face covering without assistance.

As your facility and/or operation reviews and implements these new measures, we encourage you to share and discuss them with your participants and spectators. Communicating enhanced cleaning and sanitization practices will make individuals feel more confident in your operations.

**Note Further:** Motorsports and powersports operators should consult the relevant guidelines published by any relevant governing bodies, as well as other applicable guidance from this office, including A Guide to Reopening Larger Retail Stores, A Guide to Safely Opening our Restaurants Through Takeaway Service & Outdoor Dining, and A Guide to Safely Opening Restaurants and Bars, as applicable, to determine other best practices.

Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in appropriate enforcement measures.

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### OPERATIONAL RESTRICTIONS/REQUIREMENTS

- **Plan:** Develop and implement appropriate policies, in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations:
  - Prepare the facility for reopening;
  - Prepare your employees, as applicable, for their return to work;
  - Create a social distancing plan to manage and reduce excessive contact and interaction among participants, as well as for future spectators;
  - Create a plan for personal protective equipment for participants and spectators;
  - Reduce touch points to the maximum extent possible;
  - Increase cleaning frequency and the availability of hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, and other DIY cleaning products to ensure touch points and common elements are properly sanitized between each use; and
  - Establish an open line of communication regarding safety.
- **Occupancy:** Manage the number of participants, including any staff or crew members, as well as the number of spectators, to ensure proper social distancing may be achieved and excessive interaction is limited. Limit facility occupancy as necessary to ensure proper social distancing may be achieved in accordance with CDC guidelines. Encourage spectators to bring their own seating and spread out to the greatest extent possible.
- **PPE:** Per Executive Order 50-20, all individuals over the age of 9 are required to use face coverings (masks, bandannas, face shields, etc.) when in confined, indoor spaces, other than one's residence or while actively engaged in the consumption of food and/or beverage, and when not able to adequately social distance from other individuals who do not reside in the same household.
- **Cleaning:** Ensure that enough supplies are available to enable enhanced sanitization and cleaning measures in accordance with appropriate CDC guidelines.
- **Common Elements and Touch points:** All equipment used by participants, including staff and crew members, should be cleaned and sanitized frequently. To the greatest extent possible, sharing of equipment should be discouraged, and where equipment must be shared, any such equipment should be sanitized before and after use before use by another individual. Other common touch points, including without limitation point of sale equipment, gate latches, doorknobs, light switches, and buttons should be cleaned and sanitized frequently.
- **Payments/Ticketing:** Encourage customers and spectators to make non-cash payments and purchase tickets electronically.
- **Limitations on Facilities:** The following should remain closed or limited to the maximum extent possible:
  - Install physical barriers and visual cues (for example, tape floors, sidewalks, and/or in the stands) and signs to ensure that participants and spectators stay at least six feet apart from those they don't reside with.
  - Discourage or prohibit shared equipment among participants, including staff and crew members, who do not reside together.
  - Any food service or snack bars must be run in accordance with current orders and guidelines for restaurants and bars, found at [governor.wv.gov](http://governor.wv.gov).
  - Restroom facilities should limit the number of users at any one time based on the facility size and current social distancing guidelines and such facilities should be regularly cleaned/sanitized per CDC recommended protocols.
  - Water fountains, common areas, check-in counters, and other areas in which participants, staff, crew members, or spectators may congregate should be limited to the greatest extent possible, and where such areas cannot be closed, must be cleaned and sanitized frequently.

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- **Plan:** Plan for potential COVID-19 cases and work with local health department officials when needed (i.e., monitor and trace COVID-19 cases, deep-clean facilities).
- **Signage:** Post extensive signage on health policies, including the following documents in the workplace to help educate all on COVID-19 best practices:
  - [CDC: Stop the Spread of Germs](#)
  - [CDC: COVID-19 Symptoms](#)

### PARTICIPANT PROTECTION

- **Participant Screening:** It is recommended that participants be screened or be encouraged to screen themselves for COVID-19 symptoms:
  - Temperature checks.
  - Have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19?
  - Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat?
  - Have you had a fever in the last 48 hours?
  - Have you had new loss of taste or smell?
  - Have you had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours?
- **PPE:** To the greatest extent possible, participants, including staff and crew members should be encouraged to wear appropriate PPE as they are able.
- **Signage:** Post signs encouraging social distancing of at least six feet between individuals.  
**Cleaning:** Consider providing disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizer at common touch point locations and request that individuals clean and sanitize any touchpoints or common surfaces they come in contact with, in addition frequent and regular cleaning to be done by facility operators and staff.
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### SPECTATOR PROTECTION

- **Employee screening:** It is recommended that spectators be screened or be encouraged to screen themselves prior to an event for COVID-19 symptoms.
  - Temperature checks.
  - Have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19?
  - Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat?
  - Have you had a fever in the last 48 hours?
  - Have you had new loss of taste or smell?
  - Have you had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours?
- **PPE:** To the maximum extent possible, spectators should be encouraged to wear appropriate PPE, including face coverings.
- **Personal cleaning:** Provide a sanitizing station with soap and/or bottle of hand sanitizer and require regular hand washing.
- **Spectator Contact:** Limit spectator contact to the greatest extent possible and require proper cleaning and sanitization of common surfaces or areas where spectators may encounter one another.
- **Social Distancing:** Practice recommended social distancing to the greatest extent possible.