

Alachua County Plan to Re-open Youth Sports and Camps

Executive Order 20-131 permits local jurisdictions to implement guidelines and industry standards for youth sports and camps to best meet the needs of that particular community. Limited youth sports activity, including singles tennis and other no-contact sports, have been permitted throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, while other activities were closed. This plan will be reviewed/amended as necessary.

Alachua County Youth Sports and Camp Operators shall follow the guidelines developed by the Centers for Disease Control, as well as any Alachua County local orders and COVID-19 related information.

For Youth Sports:

- The CDC has recommendations. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth-sports.html>
- Focus on skill development;
- Keep “play” and interaction between players contactless;
- Do not intermix groups;
- Do not participate in games or tournaments, even if these events occur out of state;
- Discourage sharing equipment. If sharing must occur, consider how the equipment will be sanitized between each use;
- Follow the outlined ratios for participants per field:
 - One team/sport per field/rink/court at any time;
 - Football/soccer field (approx. 57,600 sq. ft.) – no more than four pods of ≤ 10;
 - Baseball field (40,000+ sq. ft.) – no more than three pods of ≤ 10;
 - Basketball/volleyball court (4,700 sq. ft.) – no more than one pod of ≤ 10;
- Adhere to facility or field specific guidelines for COVID-19.

Safety Measures and Best Practices for Youth Sports

- Maintain adequate time between the conclusion of one group and the next for appropriate cleaning and sanitation of common areas including restrooms.
- Implement social distancing during interactions between athletes, coaches and spectators.
- Post signage or other notices regarding the safety measures and best practices in a conspicuous location.
- Display signage or notices to frequently remind athletes, coaches and spectators to take steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including the wiping and sanitation of frequently touched surfaces.
- Provide sufficient soap and surface sanitation supplies for athletes, coaches and spectators to utilize.

For Summer Camps:

- The CDC has a decision tree/tool for whether camps should open: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth-programs-decision-tool.html>

- The CDC also has “Interim Guidance for Schools and Day Camps” based on the step of reopening the area has entered: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/php/CDC-Activities-Initiatives-for-COVID-19-Response.pdf#page=45>
- The American Camp Association and the YMCA of the USA collaborated on a document it calls “Field Guide for Camps on Implementation of the CDC Guidance,” <https://www.acacamps.org/resource-library/coronavirus/camp-business/camp-operations-guide-summer-2020>
- Do not register campers from “hot spot” locations including international visitors or those from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Louisiana.
- Camper and staff temperatures will be taken each morning. Those with a fever exceeding 100.0 will be sent home. Additionally, campers and staff exhibiting COVID-19 type symptoms will be sent home.
- Offer masks to any camper or staff member upon request.
- Discourage families from entering facilities by encouraging vehicular drop off/pick up only.
- Limit camper enrollment to 50% capacity.
- Limit swimming pool capacity to 1 person for every 100 sf.
- Discourage sharing personal or sporting equipment. If sharing must occur, consider how the equipment will be sanitized between each use.

Safety Measures and Best Practices for Summer Camps

- Maintain adequate time between the conclusion of one camp group and the next for appropriate cleaning and sanitation of common areas including restrooms and sleeping areas.
- Implement social distancing during interactions between campers and staff.
- Post signage or other notices regarding the safety measures and best practices in a conspicuous location.
- Display signage or notices to frequently remind campers and staff to take steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including the wiping and sanitation of frequently touched surfaces.
- Provide sufficient soap and surface sanitation supplies for campers and staff to utilize.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

Cleaning is defined by the CDC as “the removal of germs, dirt, and impurities from surfaces.”

Disinfection is a separate step and should come after cleaning. All dirty surfaces should be cleaned prior to disinfection. Follow the guidelines developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for cleaning and disinfecting facilities, including:

- Clean and disinfect all frequently-touched surfaces on the property between each campers stay. High touch surfaces include: tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, toilets, faucets, sinks, etc.
- Wash all linens, if provided, between campers. Linens, pillows, bedding and other soft goods should never be shaken. Carefully remove linens and place into a dissolvable laundry bag or plastic trash bag. Wash linen at the highest appropriate temperature, or according to the manufacturer’s instructions. Dry completely before storing.
- For soft surfaces such as carpeted floor, rugs, and drapes, clean the surface using soap and water or with cleaners appropriate for use on these surfaces.
- Vacuum as usual.
- Wash all dishware, glasses, coffee makers, and other service items available for use by campers and staff.

- Mattress pads/protectors should be utilized so they can be easily laundered or wiped with a bleach solution.
- Properly dispose of PPE, including gloves, when finished. Gloves should be changed often. Hands should be washed immediately after gloves are removed. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Trash Removal: Gloves and masks should be worn at all times. Never use a hand to push trash bags or to consolidate trash within a receptacle. This should always be done with a device such as a stick, shovel, rake, etc. Use a disinfecting product or trash barrel liner inside.