

Participant Safety Policy

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, FDOA has adopted policies and procedures to enable us to return to live activities as safely as possible. These policies and procedures take into consideration the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), State and Local ordinances and recommendations by industry leaders. We recognize that some people with disabilities might be at a higher risk of infection or severe illness because of their underlying medical conditions. If a person might be at an increased risk, they should talk with their healthcare provider before participating in public activities. The following health and safety measures will be implemented by FDOA. Participants must comply with these guidelines to take part in any SportsAbility activity.

- STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK.
- Participants must register in advance for each individual session. Register for a specific time slot and participate only with your “Hub”. Hub refers to people who are in the same social bubble. That is, people who live together, play together or already spend much of their time together. **WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCOMMODATE WALK-ONS.** There is a reservation cap for the number of participants in each session.
- Participants are required to bring their own personal safety gear and equipment (mask, gloves, hand sanitizer, towel, water bottle, etc.)
- All participants must wear a face mask unless they have a physical or an emotional reason they cannot wear one. Neck gaiters, bandannas, and scarves may not be used as face coverings. **If a participant has a reason for not wearing a mask, they must inform FDOA staff/partner in advance and work out an alternate solution PRIOR to coming to the site. If an alternate solution has not been determined in advance, they will not be allowed to participate without a mask.**
- Event organizers and administrators will always wear a face mask, face shield and gloves.
- Participants arriving more than 15 minutes early must wait in their car or in the designated waiting area maintaining social distancing. Participants must leave the area immediately following their event. Congregating is not permitted.
- Bring a full water bottle to avoid touching a tap or water fountain handle. Try to avoid touching gates, fences, benches, etc.
- Equipment will be sanitized before and after each activity. If we are unable to sanitize equipment onsite, new equipment will be used for each session.
- Do not share items such as water bottles, hats and towels.
- All participants will undergo a health screening and temperature check upon arrival. Anyone with a temperature over 100°F or who answers YES to any screening questions, will not be permitted to remain on site and will be suggested to get tested for COVID-19.
- Participants and staff must always remain at least 6 feet apart.
- Non-participants must keep at least 6 feet apart from each other and must wear a face mask. There can be a maximum of 10 people in the waiting area including FDOA staff/partners. All others will be asked to wait outside of the area.
- Avoid high fives, handshakes, fist bumps, elbow bumps or hugs. We do not allow spitting, chewing gum or sunflower seeds, sharing drinks or equipment. Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use the inside of your elbow.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before and after your session. If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol will be used.
- Parents/guardians will be asked to monitor their children and make sure they follow all health and safety protocols.