

## Safety Plan

### 2022 Southeast Zone SCY Championships / Auburn Masters SCY Invitational

This safety plan is written on December 15, 2021. The Omicron variant of Covid-19 is beginning to spread around the world and making its way into the United States. As of December 14, Dawson Hughes, CEO of USMS, wrote me an email to say that USMS had no plans to issue additional guidance to what is posted on the USMS website.

We will follow, at a minimum, recommended guidelines from the USMS website and laws of the State of Alabama and the City of Auburn. We will also adhere to any restrictions set by the James E. Martin Aquatics Center and Auburn University pertaining to masks or other requirements. At present, masks are not required indoors for those who are vaccinated. What the standards will be in two months is anyone's guess.

If Covid-19 conditions make any of the following necessary, we will

- require masks be worn at all times except when in the water for warmups and competition, and while approaching and mounting the starting blocks before a race
- ask that swimmers not move to the starting area until the heat before theirs has been called to the starting position to reduce congestion in the starting area
- limit the number of timers per lane to one timer, with one alternate timer and one head timer available should three watches be necessary for an individual swim
- ask swimmers to approach the blocks from the side of the pool with the starter and exit the pool after the race on the opposite side, to minimize congestion
- have someone ready to hand new disposable masks to swimmers as they exit the pool after each race
- have hand sanitizer available at multiple locations and wipe down surfaces frequently touched every 15-30 minutes
- limit access to bathrooms and showers and encourage swimmers to come to the pool in their swim suits
- not post results on paper on a wall, a common location of many people congregating; instead, results will be available on SwimPhone
- relays may be cancelled or arranged so that there are empty lanes between relay teams
- other steps that may be suggested or required.
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