

Cleveland Rowing Foundation
Phase II COVID-19 Re-Opening Procedures Effective June 5, 2020

Overview – Building on the success of Phase I, CRF announces the Phase II expansion of rowing operations effective **June 5, 2020**. Under Phase II, launch use is permitted for CRF coaching-certified persons. Note that Phase I protocols (appended to this document), continue to be in place, and are applicable for all persons at CRF, now including those operating launches (e.g. self-assessments required prior to arriving at the boathouse, face masks worn at all times when not on the water, etc.).

New Operating Hours:

- Sunrise - 11:00 a.m.
- 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. and
- 4:00 p.m. - Sunset

Increased Number of Reservation Slots

The number of 15-minute reservation slots is increased from 6 to 10, permitting increased traffic at the boathouse.

Launch Cleaning – The orange utility boxes Coaches bring to the launch contain a spray bottle of disinfectant solution. After an on-water session, the Coach must spray all parts of the launch contacted, including:

- Steering wheel
- Rope
- Throttle
- Seat
- Orange box handle

Launch Capacity – Because social distancing cannot be maintained with passengers on a launch, absent an emergency (e.g. water rescue), only one Coach may be present on a launch at any given time. Only wakeless launches are available.

PFDs and Radios – CRF recommends that Coaches supply their own radios and/or PFDs. All equipment must be sterilized between use.

Gas Shed – CRF staff will maintain gas in wakeless launches, however a spray bottle is available next to gas shed.

Post-Workout Talk – Post-workout talks may only be conducted while all parties comply with 6-foot social distancing and are wearing masks. Talks must be brief.

Phase I COVID-19 Re-Opening Procedures Effective May 26, 2020

Overview – As we enter Phase I re-opening at CRF, our first priority remains membership safety. The Board of Directors has developed these procedures to follow current government orders and in consideration of USRowing recommendations. These procedures are subject to change at any time at CRF Board of Director discretion. Failure to comply may result in immediate suspension of rowing privileges, pending the outcome of a formal investigation. Violations may result in the partial or complete loss of privileges, without refund of fees, dues, or assessments.

Under Phase I, rowing activities resume for certain independent boats **on May 26, 2020**, with boathouse access and operations designed to support social distancing and enhanced cleaning measures. The success of Phase I depends on the cooperation of the boathouse community and will determine the potential to expand rowing opportunities as part of a Phase II plan.

Self-Assessments - Self-assess before coming to the boathouse. Stay home if:

- You have a temperature of 100.4°F/38°C or higher,
- You feel ill,
- You have been ill in the past 14 days,
- You have returned from outside the state within 14 days, or
- You have had contact with a person in the last 14 days who has had COVID-19.

If you become ill within a week of rowing at CRF, notify Executive Director Kirk Lang at clevelandrowing@gmail.com for the benefit of the community.

Hours of Operation – CRF is cleaning the premises multiple times per day, with specific attention to high-touch surfaces. To ensure completion of those tasks, the boathouse has hours of operation (including weekends) limited to:

Sunrise – 11:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. – Sunset

Allowed Persons & Boats – During hours of operation, **singles** may row, as well as **pairs, doubles, and quads of cohabitating rowers**. Per current USRowing recommendations, no team boats are allowed. Non-rowers and guests are not permitted on the premises.

Rowers must be safety-certified and permitted by their respective Member Organizations to be on the water. Prior to rowing, all rack and membership fees must be paid, and a signed waiver must be submitted to CRF.

Individuals classified by the CDC as “at risk” should consider staying at home.

Restricted Areas – To reduce the potential footprint for contamination, access to certain areas at CRF is reduced or eliminated.

For the sculling house, no more than four rowers may be inside at a time. One person per bay, unless two are required to carry a shell.

The large boathouse is to be accessed **only** to fill water bottles at the no-touch water fountain or to use the restrooms located below the kitchen. Restrooms are to be used at your own risk, with no more than one person in at a time.

No access will be permitted to the following areas:

- Weight room,
- Erg room,
- Showers/locker rooms,
- Stretching area near the front glass door,
- Large-boat bays,
- Kitchen, and
- Conference room.

Shell Sign-in/Sign-Out – CRF’s standard boat sign-in/sign-out procedures are suspended. Instead, you **must** reserve a timeslot to row with the **iCrew Rowing app** (in addition to any *equipment* reservation your Member Organization may requires). If you arrive early, wait in your car. Boats must also be signed in at the end of your row using iCrew. Blocks will be made available in 2-hour blocks. Plan for 30 minutes of that block to be dedicated for launch prep and return shell cleaning.

Efficiency – Once you are at the boathouse, your philosophy should be: “**Get in, train, get out.**” Do not risk your safety or that of your fellow rowers.

Face Masks – Face masks must be worn **at all times** when you are not on the water. Remember to bring a plastic bag to keep your mask dry while you row.

Hand Sanitizer – CRF will supply hand sanitizer, however members are encouraged to supply their own to ensure adequate availability.

Ramps – Both ramps are in use, but for one-way traffic only. Use the upstream ramp to access the dock, and the downstream ramp to return to land. Maintain social distancing with other rowers on the dock. Absent freighter traffic, only six boats may be on the dock at a time.

Soft Close – Soft close the boathouse if necessary. Disposable gloves and disinfectant spray will be available at the door.

Returning to the Dock – Prior to docking, don your mask. Resume social distancing on the dock and when putting your boat in slings to be cleaned.

Equipment Cleaning – All equipment must be cleaned after **every** row. Wash and dry your **oars**, the **shell**, and the **slings**.

CRF will provide soap and buckets. Rowers must provide their own towels and sponges, taking them home after each use. You may **not** bring bleach products if you choose to supply your own cleaner. Please be thorough but efficient.

Equipment Maintenance – Maintenance work (e.g. repairing, painting, or sanding) of shells or oars may only be conducted outside with adequate spacing for social distancing. Maintenance may only be performed on singles, doubles, pairs, or quads. Only private slings may be used.

Personal Property – ***All items other than shells and oars (e.g. roof racks, hats, mirrors, etc.) must be removed from the sculling house prior to May 31, or they will be placed outside.*** If you need to access any restricted areas of the large boathouse to remove personal property, you must first contact Kirk Lang for access (and to ensure those areas are then cleaned, as necessary). No bikes may be stored in the boathouse, however the bike rack outside at the back of the large boathouse will remain open for use.