



## F4 Competitor Advisory Memo

**No:** CAMF4-2021-007  
**Date:** March 19, 2021  
**Subject:** 2021 COVID Protocols

As much as we'd like to be finished with sending out COVID protocols for events, we aren't quite ready for that just yet. Regardless of how you may personally adhere to COVID-19 mandates away from an event, we must do everything we are asked by local officials and our host facilities. Failure to follow these protocols will threaten your ability to continue racing with us and it could very well threaten our ability to conduct races.

Talk to your doctor to see if you are at an [increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19](#). If you are, it's recommended that you stay home until the threat has decreased.

First and foremost, if you are exhibiting any symptoms of the COVID-19 virus listed below (even if they are mild), we ask that you refrain from attending any SCCA Pro Racing events. These symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus:

- Fever
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle pain
- Sore throat
- Cough
- Chills and repeated shaking with chills
- Headache
- New loss of taste and smell

**If you develop these symptoms while at an event, please isolate yourself immediately, and contact Sydney Davis Yagel (713-628-8337 | [syagel@sccapro.com](mailto:syagel@sccapro.com)) and your Series Manager for further instructions.**

**Participants should limit attendance to only those necessary.** All participants will be required to register with SCCA Pro Racing for the season prior to arrival at the event. Limited registration services will be available at events.

**Effective January 26, 2021, all international airline passengers to the United States ages two years and older must provide a negative COVID-19 viral or antigen test taken within three calendar days of travel. Alternatively, travelers to the U.S. may provide documentation from a licensed health care provider of having recovered from COVID-19 in the 90 days preceding travel. After you arrive in the United States, get tested 3–5 days after travel and stay home to self-quarantine for 7 days after travel.**

The F4 U.S. & FR Americas Championships will be enforcing the following safety protocols for the 2021 season, until otherwise notified.

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

- Teams must closely monitor the health of their members before, during, and after each event, including filling out any medical forms required by tracks. The series may require its own form.
- When arriving at the track, all participants must wear a "mask" covering the nose and mouth. A bandana, neck sock, and/or a face shield may also be worn.
- Tracks will be checking the temperature of each participant before entering the track.
- Facilities may need some form of contact tracing, so participants should keep track of what hotels they stay at, what restaurants they eat at, etc. If anyone begins showing symptoms, the team will be asked to submit a record of where they went to help health officials track down the origin of the transmission. If this occurs, everyone exposed to the symptomatic individual will be required to leave the event to self-isolate.



### GENERAL PROVISIONS (continued)

- All participants must wear a mask, or face shield, whenever not located within their team paddock area. This will be enforced on pre-grid, pit lane, victory circle, and indoor spaces.
- If any non-team member is visiting the team paddock area, then face masks must be worn by all team members within 6-feet of the visitor.
- If a team has members that are “fly-in” only, it is recommended that all team members wear masks even in their paddock area.
- Frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned/disinfected multiple times per day.
- Participants must maintain a distance of at least 6-feet from people that are not part of their team whenever possible. Handshakes, high-fives, hugs, and other human contact is prohibited with people outside the team.
- If using a common garage at a track, meaning the garage is open to other garages, then masks must be worn by all participants when in the garage, and equipment should be organized in a way to promote social distancing from other teams.
- Participants are encouraged to stay out of the F4/FR Championship Trailer, unless invited. Masks must be worn at all times inside the F4/FR Championship Trailer when a visitor is present.
- No paper documents will be provided during the event. Files will be available digitally via the Official Mailing List or WhatsApp and archived on the Digital Message Board or Competitor Portal.
  - [Official Competitor Email List](#)
  - WhatsApp Event Updates (change for 2021, we will have separate groups for each Championship; please sign up again, even if you were signed up in 2020)
    - [F4 U.S. Group](#)
    - [FR Americas Group](#)
  - Website Archives- all information sent via official emails is stored on these portals
    - [F4 U.S. Championship Competitor Portal](#)
    - [FR Americas Championship Competitor Portal](#)
  - Digital Message Boards- event memos, timing results, and Steward decisions are posted here
    - [F4 U.S. Championship Digital Message Board](#)
    - [FR Americas Championship Digital Message Board](#)

### TECHNICAL INSPECTION AND PARC FERMÉ

Tech is an area of high-risk area due to the interaction between all participants, therefore, maximum protection protocols must be practiced in this area.

- Masks are required for all participants entering the tech area.
- Tech officials will be wearing masks and minimizing their contact with participants and their vehicles as much as possible.
- Annual/pre-event tech will be scheduled. Those teams who do not comply will be given a penalty.
- Tire scanning will be done only at the designated area by the F4/FR Championship trailer.
- No more than 2 crew members will be allowed under the tent to remove body work; upon completion, they should leave the tent and wait until an official asked them to return.
- Drivers or a representative will be required to physically handle all driving gear during annual inspections.
- Teams will be provided with a list of items via a TAM to prep the car prior to arrival at the tent for easy inspection. Those teams who do not comply will be given a penalty.

Parc fermé will be one hour for all qualifying sessions and races until otherwise specified on an official schedule. This will give the tech officials time to make necessary checks and continue to observe our protocols and local mandates.



### TEAM & DRIVERS MEETINGS

Virtual meetings will be considered if circumstances require. Otherwise, all meetings will be held in a large, well-ventilated area with enough room to socially distance. All attendees will be required to wear masks. There will be separate meetings for FR Americas and F4 U.S. participants to keep attendance numbers manageable.

### POST-RACE INTERVIEWS & VICTORY CIRCLE

All attendees must wear a mask as all times, including drivers, teams, visitors, media, and staff. The podium positions will be spaced out to allow six feet between drivers. There will be no-contact during the trophy presentations. There will be no spraying of sparkling beverages. Teams, visitors, and media will need to maintain proper social distances. A limitation may be placed on the number of participants allowed in the victory circle area. Additional details will be released ahead of each event.

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The F4 U.S. & FR Americas Championship partners will also be enforcing the following safety protocols for the 2021 season, until otherwise notified.

### LIGIER AUTOMOTIVE

- When visiting the Trailer and/or Toter, participants must wear mask and/or face covering per guidelines.
- No one besides Ligier staff will be allowed in the Trailer or Toter.
- Tables will be set up out front with resources for part number look up.
- Parts order forms will be provided and once filled out can either be dropped off at trailer and/or e-mailed to [USParts@Ligierautomotive.com](mailto:USParts@Ligierautomotive.com).

### HPD/MOUNTUNE

- Any interaction with HPD or Mountune staff requires a face mask with mouth and nose completely covered
- If HPD or Mountune staff is called to your team area, anyone interacting with our staff will need a face mask and must maintain 6 ft of social distance
- All meetings or conversations with HPD or Mountune staff must be held outside or in an open area

### HANKOOK

- Masks must be worn when interfacing with Hankook team members.
- Please try and limit the number of team members who come in the Hankook tent to only two people.
- Clean wheels prior to drop off as there aren't enough Hankook staff to do that due to social distancing.

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Participants not complying with these protocols, if observed by an F4/FR, Trans Am, or SVRA official, will have their credential taken away and asked to leave the premises. Additional penalties may be applied.

Any participants observed not following these protocols by a track official or by a local health department official, may be removed from the track without warning. At that time, the F4/FR Championship will have no choice but to honor this decision.

