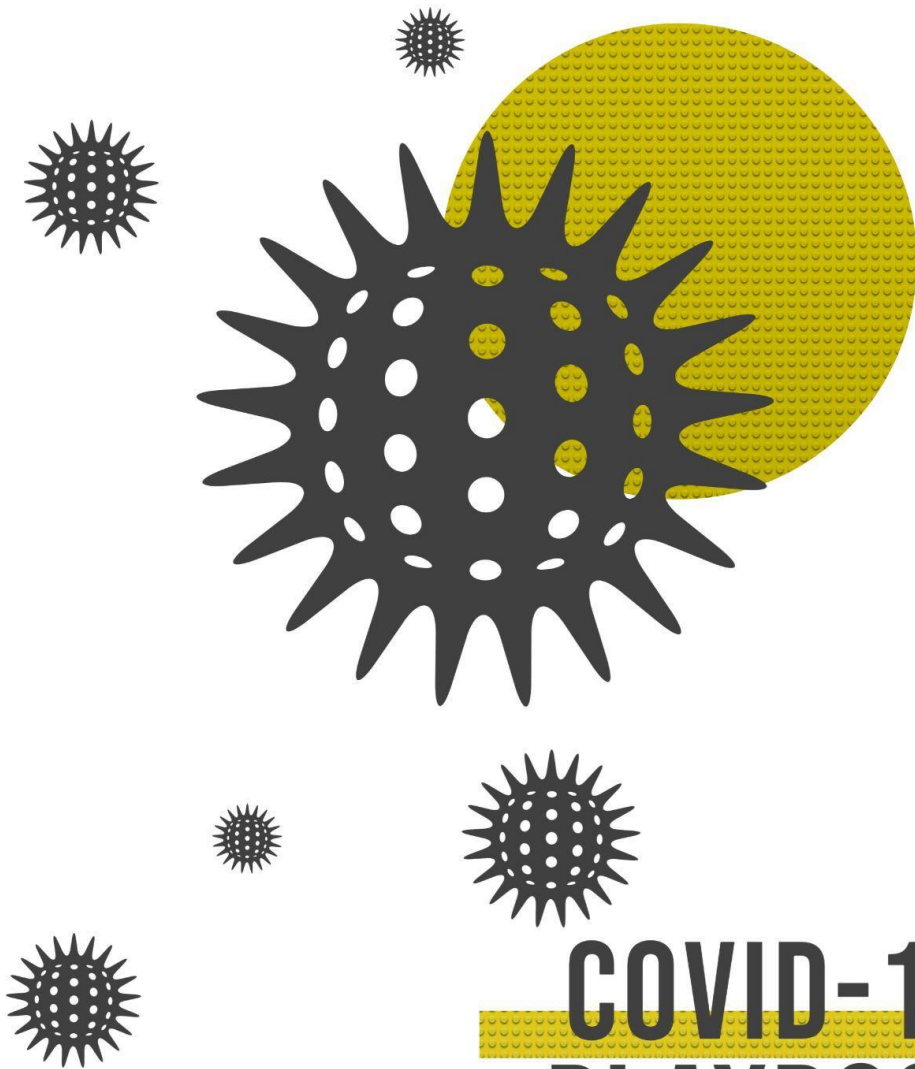


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COVID-19 PLAYBOOK



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The Miss Georgia Scholarship Competition, Inc. is seriously committed to the well-being of all stakeholders throughout the year, including candidates and their families, members of the organization and the public in general. The safety of everyone is extremely important to the organization, especially as it plans to host the 76th annual Miss Georgia Competition and the 20th Annual Miss Georgia's Outstanding Teen Competition, which started in 2002 as Miss Georgia Teen-America and is now affiliated with Miss America Organization. As COVID19 restrictions begin to lift, this COVID-19 Playbook is designed to introduce the best practices and reliable guidance we have adopted in our organization to make certain our interactions during Competition Week are conducted in the safest manner possible. We genuinely support the well-being of our candidates, competition staff, sponsors, staffs of venues, and many enthusiasts in the best way possible.

The Playbook was created in observance of the existing COVID-19 guidelines of the State of Georgia and the City of Columbus. It reflects the mandates and practices of the venues and restaurants, as well as those of our organization to establish the safety of all to the greatest extent possible. Included is information related to environmental cleanliness, social distancing, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), quarantining requirements, and other safety protocols that will be observed during our time together in Columbus, Georgia from June 11-20, 2021.

There is no doubt that this pandemic impacts everyone and reminds of how we are all genuinely connected. Consequently, we have an obligation to each other to ensure we all remain safe. It is the organization's desire that you will find the Playbook organized in a way that is simple and easy to understand in order to promote an enjoyable time. We are looking forward to moving out of this crisis situation in which we exist to a stronger position in the ensuing months. Thank you for your support and remain safe and well. We anticipate seeing you in Columbus.

Sincerely,

Trina S. Pruitt
CEO/Executive Director

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As COVID-19 restrictions begin to lift, this playbook is meant to offer useful tools for you, your family, and patrons to make your stay in Columbus as safe as possible. This playbook will be broken down into six sections, explaining current COVID-19 protocol for each section.

Section 1 - Miss America Organization's response to COVID-19 safety procedures.

The Miss America Organization follows the latest CDC guidelines. Miss America recognizes that just as each state is different, so is each one's response to the COVID pandemic. Therefore, the Miss America Organization defers to each state's laws.

In August, 2020, Governor Kemp signed into law Senate Bill 359. This law is recorded as O.C.G.A. 51-16-3, which states, "Under Georgia law, there is no liability for an injury or death of an individual entering these premises if such injury or death results from the inherent risks of contracting COVID-19. You are assuming this risk by entering these premises." The validity of this law has been extended to July, 2022.

The Miss America Organization, which includes licensed state and local organizations as well as the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Program, states that any candidate who tests positive within 10 days prior to the first day of/or any time during the local, state, and/or national competition will forfeit the opportunity to continue to compete in the competition.

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Section 2 - Miss Georgia Scholarship Competition's COVID-19 Policies and Procedures

General Guidelines for all candidates, volunteers, patrons, and staff to follow

- Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer, especially after touching frequently used items or surfaces
- Strongly consider using face coverings while in public, and when in mass transit
- Avoid touching your face
- Continue social distancing and be courteous to those who practice it
- Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow
- Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible

For all candidates, volunteers, patrons, and staff, please bring your COVID-19 Vaccination Card to the competition so it can be noted.

Daily Procedures at Miss Georgia

The Miss Georgia Scholarship Competition will conduct twice daily temperature checks. The first check will take place outside the RiverCenter prior to you entering. The second check will take place each evening. Designated times and locations for teens and miss candidates will be given to you at the Hostess Meeting Friday, June 11.

Also during your temperature checks, you will be asked screening questions. Please answer truthfully for the safety of all candidates, volunteers, and staff.

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Displaying COVID-19 Symptoms

If a candidate displays any symptom associated with COVID-19, the candidate must be removed from the general public and placed in a designated quarantine suite at the Columbus State University Housing. The Executive Director is to be notified and arrangements made to conduct a COVID-19 Test. If the COVID-19 test is positive, the candidate must withdraw from the Miss Georgia Scholarship Competition immediately.

Section 3 - Columbus Trade Center/Iron Works

The Columbus Trade Center/Iron Works is open to the general public. Masks are not required, social distancing is not necessary, and temperature checks will not be made prior to entering. However, it is strongly suggested you follow these General Guidelines:

- Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer, especially after touching frequently used items or surfaces
- Strongly consider using face coverings while in public, and when in mass transit
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- Continue social distancing and be courteous to those who practice it
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Section 4 - RiverCenter for the Performing Arts

Policies and Procedures for Patrons:

Due to COVID-19, many procedures regarding entry, box office and concessions have changed. Please take a minute to read the information below so you can enjoy your time at RiverCenter to the fullest.

1. COVID-19 Safety Precautions will be in place:

- Staggered seating times will be in effect.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR TICKETS FOR YOUR ASSIGNED SEATING TIME AND ARRIVE ON TIME! If there is no entry time printed on your ticket, you may arrive at any time

- Enter through the doors on Broadway, across from the parking deck.
- Masks are required while you are in RiverCenter until after you have been seated inside the theatre.
- Once you have been seated by our staff, please remain in your seat for the duration of the performance, except to visit the restrooms and pick up pre-purchased drinks and snacks. You will receive a text message to notify you when concession items are ready.
- Loitering in the lobby will not be allowed.
- At the conclusion of the performance, please remain in your seat until your row is dismissed.

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2. You may purchase beverages and snacks upon arrival with your phone:

- Look for signage with the QR code in the lobby to scan and place a mobile order.
- You **MUST** enter your cell phone number as the “Table” number in order to receive your order in a timely manner.
- You will receive a text message telling you which station to go to pick up your order.
- Ask one of our ushers for the QR code if you’re already seated or visit RiverCenter’s website or Facebook page to access the code or a link to place your order.

Policies and Procedures for Candidates, Hostesses, Volunteers, and Miss Georgia Staff

- Face coverings are required and must be worn properly for the duration of the event with the exception of the stage and backstage areas. Once you enter the house, lobby or any of the lobby hallways, you must be wearing a mask
- Enter through the stage door on 1st Ave, across from the Government Center (935 1st Ave).
- Temperature checks will be performed at entry along with hand sanitizing.
- Dressing rooms will be assigned with limited capacity by MGSC.
- Dressing room doors must always remain propped open for a minimum of at least 30 degrees for proper air circulation. This will be enforced by RiverCenter staff.

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Section 5 - Columbus State University Housing

DURING MISS GEORGIA-Requirements & Guidance

MASKS ARE REQUIRED: ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST WEAR A FACE MASK.

- ❑ *USG POLICY: Effective July 15, 2020, University System of Georgia (USG) institutions require all faculty, staff, students, and visitors to wear an appropriate face covering while inside campus facilities/buildings where six feet social distancing may not always be possible: Face covering use will be in addition to and is not a substitute for physical distancing.*
- ❑ Only participants located in the assigned Residence Hall space are allowed in that space. Any other participants or guests are not allowed to enter a space to which they have not been assigned. Exceptions to this may be in case of an emergency or a chaperone performing tasks associated within the function of the camp.
- ❑ Participants must wear one mask and have *at least one* additional mask that is sealed with them at all times in case the first becomes wet or otherwise soiled during the day. Masks must be worn at all times you are in CSU facilities except when you are in your individual room.
- ❑ Maintain physical distancing of six feet between all present parties.
- ❑ Hand sanitizer will be located at strategic points when entering CSU housing.

The maximum number of individuals allowed in Hostess Headquarters at any given time is SIX.

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Section 6 - Personal Protective Equipment required by the candidate

- Each candidate is required to have 12 disposable masks. Or, you may bring 6 reusable masks and/or face shields.
- Each candidate must have hand sanitizer in their bedroom and in their belongings at the RiverCenter. The wipes must be used at the RiverCenter. No gel hand sanitizer is allowed in the dressing rooms.
- Each candidate must bring a bottle of disinfectant like Lysol.