

## **2022 Secret City Head Race Covid Protocols**

ORRA affirms our commitment to follow Tennessee, Anderson County, and Local guidance regarding appropriate Covid protections for our athletes, staff and volunteers. The policies described herein are also consistent with USRowing guidance for regattas. Further, we understand that the guidelines that your athletes operate under may be slightly different. Our intent remains to provide a safe environment for everyone visiting Oak Ridge.

ORRA is monitoring the infection rates in the East TN area. ORRA is also monitoring the continued emergence of new variants that include Omicron BA.2, BA.4, and BA.5, which demonstrate high transmissibility rates. Please consult CDC sources including <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#variant-proportions> for current information. HHS Region 4 is dominated by new cases of Omicron BA.5. Oak Ridge and Anderson County infection levels remain LOW.

Below are the protocols anticipated for the Secret City Head Race. These are subject to change based on revisions at the State, County or Local level.

- ORRA will not manage or retain separate athlete areas. The entire venue will be open to all athletes and spectators. This discretion includes the individual responsibility to maintain appropriate social distancing at all times on the venue, just as you would off the venue.
- ORRA will not require proof of a negative test. This discretion is extended to individuals regardless of vaccination status. Covid-positive persons must have completed their quarantine prior to competing or participating.
- The use of masks on the venue is not mandated. Vaccinated persons may choose to wear a mask at any time. Persons that are not vaccinated are encouraged to wear a mask on the venue, indoors and out, consistent with CDC guidance, removing the mask at launch. There is NO mandatory testing.
- ORRA recommends the use of masks by all persons in indoor areas including the ORRA boathouse, registration, and the public washroom facilities.
- ORRA will maximize spacing in the trailer area to allow as much room as possible for crews to rig shells, prepare for races, or relax beneath a team tent.
- Please limit crowding and close gathering at the finish line, registration, the awards area and similar locations.
- Please respect your competitors around the docks, trailers, tents, and generally around the regatta site.
- All teams have their own Covid policies. Please follow your club rules and respect what other teams need to do.
- Coaches are responsible for monitoring the health and well-being of their athletes and supporters prior to and during the event. Persons that demonstrate symptoms of Covid should be evacuated from the venue. There are NO daily health check forms to hand in.
- ORRA maintains a Chief Health Officer. The CHO will work directly with the Chief Referee to ensure that these policies are applied consistently and fairly. Please email [cho@orra.org](mailto:cho@orra.org) with any questions.

Be Smart, Be Respectful, Be Responsible. We are all in this together!

You are an ambassador to your organization and to the sport of rowing.