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## COVID-19 Show Site Policies

In the interest of public safety and to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, the following procedures will be in effect for the 2021 Thunderbird demonstration season. Thunderbirds will adhere to local state and CDC guidance and it will supersede the below guidance, if more restrictive.

### Plane-side Interviews

Plane-side media interviews will be conducted outdoors to the max extent possible. Interviewers will wear masks at all times and a 6-foot spacing will be adhered to. Boom microphones during media interviews are requested and preferred. Thunderbirds 12 (PAO) and Thunderbird 9 (Flight Surgeon) will determine if it is necessary for the socially distanced interviewee to wear a mask.

### School/Hospital Visit

If an in-person school/hospital visit is not deemed safe or practical, a virtual visit will be coordinated. All scheduling deadlines for recruiting visits will remain the same for both in-person and virtual visits.

### Autograph Line

While the Thunderbirds love to meet our fans in person, safety for both the team and the public is paramount. Therefore, autograph lines, jet tours and Make-A-Wish engagements will be suspended until further notice.

### Media Flights/Fallen Warrior Ceremonies

Media Flights and Fallen Warrior ceremonies will be considered on a case by case basis. Many elements will be considered including overall COVID-19 rates in the area and current CDC guidelines. Please contact Thunderbird 12 (PAO) for coordination details.

### Social Events

All air show social events and engagements will be considered on a case-by-case basis; and are optional for Thunderbird team members unless deemed mandatory by the Commander.

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