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## Sanctioning and Summer Nationals Updates

As of today, more than 223 million Americans in 24 states, 74 counties and 14 cities are under orders to stay at home, shelter in place or avoid non-essential activities, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the number of reported cases across the nation continues to rise sharply on a daily basis.

Accordingly, USA Fencing Member and Affiliate Club activities will remain unsanctioned through at least **April 20** (previously April 6). Unsanctioned activities will not be covered by USA Fencing's insurance.

USA Fencing will not be sanctioning any competitions until at least **May 4**. The National Office is working with organizers to reschedule regional events that were to take place between March 18 and May 3. The updated regional events schedule is available at [www.usafencing.org/coronavirus](http://www.usafencing.org/coronavirus).

The USA Fencing National Championships and July Challenge are currently still scheduled to take place from June 28 - July 7, in Louisville, Ky. Due to the schedule changes for regional and national events this spring, the National Events staff and Tournament Committee are examining any potential changes to qualifying paths. An update will be made on **April 9** at [www.usafencing.org](http://www.usafencing.org). Online registration for the National Championships and July Challenge will open on **April 16**. Any additional updates regarding Summer Nationals will be posted at [www.usafencing.org](http://www.usafencing.org).

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