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COVID-19 Health and Safety Policy
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FIRST® is a global robotics community that prepares young people for the future.



Overview

Event staff and attendees participating in this event should recognize that any gathering poses an increased risk of COVID-19 exposure and spread. *FIRST*[®] believes that the best path toward ending the COVID-19 pandemic — and having a successful season — is through vaccination. We strongly recommend everyone who is eligible and has access to a vaccine consult with their physician and get vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as possible.

More information about the safety and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines can be found at [The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) and the [World Health Organization](#) websites.

FTC Utah has developed the following COVID-19 Health and Safety Policy to reduce the risk of coronavirus exposure and spread at this event. Safety recommendations are taken from the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Pre-Event

Stay Home if you:

- Have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Are waiting for COVID-19 test results.
- Are feeling unwell and/or have any of the following [COVID-19 symptoms](#).
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
- Have had [close contact](#) (within 6 feet for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with a person who has tested positive for or who has symptoms of COVID-19 within the last 14 days, unless you have been fully vaccinated.

Contact Tracing



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Contact tracing is key to slowing the spread of COVID-19 and helps protect the community by:

- Letting people know they may have been exposed to COVID-19 and should monitor their health for signs and [symptoms of COVID-19](#).
- Helping people who may have been exposed to COVID-19 get tested.
- Asking people to [self-isolate](#) if they have COVID-19 or develop symptoms of COVID-19 or to [self-quarantine](#) if they are a [close contact](#).

Prior to the event, all event staff/volunteers, coaches, and team members should register with *FIRST*, complete a “*FIRST* Consent and Release Form,” and coaches should bring the “Team Roster” to the event. All team members (youth and adults) must be listed on the “Team Roster.” During the registration process they will provide their name, phone number, email, and parent or guardian name, phone number, and email if the team member is a minor. Contact information will be accessible to event organizers via the “Team Roster.”

Event attendees will be required to complete a consent form and provide contact information prior to entering the event. This information will only be used for the purposes of contact tracing and will be destroyed 30 days after the championship.

If a person who attended this event tests positive for COVID-19, someone from the health department may call you to discuss important COVID-19 information, such as signs and [symptoms of COVID-19](#), [testing](#), and [quarantine](#). Discussions with health department staff are confidential. This means that your personal and medical information will be kept private and only shared with those who may need to know, like your health care provider.

Please review the information for [what to expect to happen during contact tracing](#), provided by the CDC.

FTC Utah COVID-19 Health and Safety Policy Acknowledgement Form

Each coach must agree to abide by the FTC Utah COVID-19 Health and Safety Policy, to share this policy and compliance expectations with their team members and their families, and to sign the FTC Utah COVID-19 Health and Safety Policy Affirmation Form and return the form to event organizers prior to the start of the event.



Event Entry Requirements

Proof of Vaccination or Negative COVID-19 Test

We are not requiring proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 Test. We do ask that everyone follows these practices however.

SUU is mask friendly. This means that students, faculty, staff, and visitors are welcome, but not required, to wear masks inside campus buildings.

Get vaccinated and stay up to date with booster shots. Learn more about vaccine safety from the CDC. Being vaccinated can reduce or eliminate the need to quarantine or isolate. It also can help better protect not only you, but other teams.

If you are sick, please stay home and follow appropriate protocols. To learn more about updated quarantine and isolation guidelines, visit the CDC website.

Practice good hygiene with regular hand washing and disinfecting high touch areas.

Work together and consistently consider the impact of your decisions and actions on other employees and students.

Behavior Requirements

Face Masks

Face masks are welcome for all event staff and attendees and we will provide masks on site for those who need one.

Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette

Hand hygiene should be practiced and encouraged by all event staff and attendees.

- All event staff and attendees should [wash their hands](#) frequently (for example, before, during, and after check-in, touching garbage, using the restroom) with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



- Event staff and attendees should use hand sanitizer, available at hand sanitizing stations throughout the event, including before and after game play or practice field use or any other time that soap and water are not readily available.
- All event staff and attendees should refrain from singing or shouting, especially indoors. Please use alternate ways to celebrate like clapping, dancing, finger-snapping, etc.

Policy Changes and Non-Compliance

Given the current trajectory of the pandemic, these guidelines may change with little notice up to and including event cancellation based on updates from the CDC and Utah Department of Public Health guidelines. If this event must be canceled, you will be notified through email and the event will be rescheduled or moved to a remote event platform. Information on event changes will be provided through email and online.

The information contained in this document is not intended or implied to be a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment. All content, including text and links, are provided for general informational purposes.

Any person entering this event is required to abide by this COVID-19 health and safety policy and the [FIRST Code of Conduct](#). Non-compliance may result in removal from this event and being barred from future participation in *FIRST* activities.



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COVID-19 Health and Safety Policy for FTC Utah Championship Acknowledgement

As a *FIRST*[®] coach/mentor attending FTC Utah Championship, I agree to abide by the COVID-19 Health and Safety Policy (hereafter the “COVID-19 Health and Safety Policy”).

In consideration of and as a condition of allowing the *FIRST* coach/mentor in Utah, FTC Utah and Southern Utah University is requiring that the *FIRST* coach/mentor agree to abide by the “COVID-19 Health and Safety Policy.” The *FIRST* coach/mentor understands and voluntarily executes this agreement.

1. I agree to observe and obey all rules and warnings regarding COVID-19 and further agree to follow any oral instructions or directions given by the leadership of the FTC Utah Championship.
2. I agree to follow all local, state, and federal policies, procedures, protocols, and guidance with regard to COVID-19.
3. I agree to communicate the requirements of the “COVID-19 Health and Safety Policy” to my team.

By signing below, I acknowledge I that I have read, understand, agree to comply with, and will communicate the requirements of the “COVID-19 Health and Safety Policy” as set forth above.

Team Number(s):

FIRST Coach/Mentor Printed Name:

Signature of *FIRST* Coach/Mentor:

Date:



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