

COVID 19 SAFE EVENT GUIDELINES

In an effort to plan ahead for in-person competition events, FIRST Nevada has developed safe COVID-19 guidelines for events. Below please find the Coronavirus Response Plan. This plan will be updated when appropriate and time stamped for the latest version.

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NOTE: FIRST Nevada is continually monitoring the progression of COVID-19 and related advice from public health authorities. The guidelines and protocols below are immediately superseded by any local, state or federal government policies, mandates or orders. Please follow the recommendations of your local or state government, and any federal guidelines for individual response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Coronavirus Response Plan

We care about the health and safety of all participants, volunteers, and stakeholders who are involved with FIRST Nevada robotics programs. As part of our efforts to ensure the safest possible environment for learning and engagement to occur, FIRST Nevada has developed the following protocols to assist our organization. To protect everyone involved with FIRST Nevada, the following guidelines and protocols are effective for the 21/22 season.

KEY ACTIONS FOR PERSONAL WELL BEING

Each individual participant has a responsibility to contribute to the overall safety of FIRST Nevada events by following the following personal well-being standards:

- **Practice social distancing** to avoid close contact with others. Maintain a distance of 6 feet or more from other individuals whenever possible. **Shaking hands and high fives should be avoided at all FIRST Nevada events.**
- **Wear a mask** to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. **Masks will be REQUIRED to be worn by all participants, volunteers, and staff when attending a FIRST Nevada event.** Masks and/or PPE should cover the nose and mouth.
- **Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly** for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the restroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

- **Clean and disinfect frequently touched items** thoroughly and often. Take personal responsibility for tools, shared workspaces, and other items you frequently touch.
- **Stay home when you are sick or have a fever.** Do not attend an event if you have any symptoms (fever, cough/shortness of breath, etc.); contact your medical provider for advice. Do not attend a FIRST Nevada event if you have been exposed to someone who is sick or have had close contact with someone who is showing symptoms or has tested positive within 14 days of an event.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.**
- **Cough into your elbow or cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue,** then throw the tissue in the trash.

FIRST Nevada EVENT PROTOCOLS

CONSENT & RELEASE FORMS

All participants (including coaches, mentors, team members and volunteers) will be required to have both a completed FIRST Consent & Release form and a completed FIRST Nevada Consent & Release form on file in order to participate at our events.

CLEANING & HYGIENE PROTOCOLS — VENUE

- Antibacterial wipes and sanitizer will be on-site at the venues
- FIRST Nevada will work with the venues for our events to confirm their custodial/cleaning practices in place due to COVID
- Teams are encouraged to implement enhanced cleaning and disinfecting protocols within their own team. This would include disinfecting any commonly used tools on a frequent basis. Teams should bring their own cleaning supplies.

EXPOSURE RESPONSE AFTER EVENT

Should an individual who attends an event develop symptoms or test positive for COVID within 14 days of attending a FIRST Nevada event, the individual (or their coach/mentor if a student) should contact info@FIRSTNevada.org to provide notification. FIRST Nevada will utilize team roster forms, volunteer rosters, and staff lists to immediately notify all participants who attended the event where potential exposure could have occurred.

RESTROOMS & HAND WASHING STATIONS

Restrooms will be equipped with soap and water for washing hands. Participants are asked to not congregate inside or outside of restrooms during events. Hand sanitizer dispensers will also be located at the venue.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Shaking hands and high fives should be avoided at all FIRST Nevada events.

TEAM CHECK-IN/ENTERING VENUE

- Prior to arrival, teams should ensure that each participant (including coaches, mentors, team members and volunteers) has completed the required consent & release forms for both *FIRST* and FIRST Nevada.
- Teams must bring a roster of their students and mentors who will be attending the event and present it at check-in.

REFERENCES

FIRST Nevada refers to local and state public health officials and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for health/safety recommendations.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/faqs.html>

<https://dph.georgia.gov/health-topics/coronavirus-covid-19>