2022 FIRST® Los Angeles Regional

March 31-April 3 in El Segundo, CA



COVID-19 Policies & Plan

The health and safety of *FIRST* teams, volunteers, and staff are our top priority. *FIRST* is following COVID-19 guidelines from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, as well as California state and LA County health departments. The following safety measures are in place for the event to comply with the latest public health and venue guidelines. These measures may be updated as new information becomes available. However, if public health restrictions (including the use of masks and vaccination/testing requirements) are relaxed prior to the event, the LA Regional reserves the right to continue to enforce the following protocols during the event.

Attendees



- Spectators are NOT permitted to attend.
- Attendees permitted are youth members, mentors and volunteers registered with FIRST to compete or volunteer at the 2022 Los Angeles Regional.
- ❖ Attendees are advised to follow all event signage regarding entry into team pits, viewing stands, and other designated spaces.
- Teams are required to submit a Team List, which will include all youth members, mentors, and adults with essential roles, 1 week prior to the event.

Vaccinations/ Testing



- Following the guidance from the <u>California Department of Public Health</u> for indoor mega-events exceeding 1000 people, all people over the age of 12 must show <u>proof of full vaccination</u>, or negative COVID-19 test.
- ❖ A negative COVID-19 test must be done 24 hours prior for antigen test or 48 hours for PCR test. Test and results must come from a lab, school, or care provider (no self-attestation, even for over-thecounter tests).

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Daily Health Screening	Do not come to the event if you are sick or if you have been in contact with someone who is sick.
	Health screening questions will be posted at the entrance and each attendee is asked to review and verbally verify.
	Teams need a plan to handle illnesses that arise during the event, including failure to pass the daily health screening as they will not be allowed to stay at the event.
	Volunteers who are ill should notify the event's Volunteer Coordinator and not come to the event venue.
Personal Protective	 Face masks are required for all attendees at all times when indoors except when actively hydrating.
Equipment	Surgical masks or higher-level respirators (e.g., N95, KN95, KF94) are required for each attendee, and must be worn correctly, covering both the nose and mouth.
	Face shields, bandanas, single-layer gaiters, cloth masks, and masks with exhalation valves worn alone are prohibited at the event.
	Teams must bring an adequate mask supply for their members.
	All attendees are required to bring their own personal safety glasses; there will be no on-site safety glasses to borrow.
	Each team should bring their own safety glass cleaning supplies; anti-fog spray is also recommended.
Physical Distancing	Whenever possible, avoid close contact with others, especially people from other teams.
	There should not be any hand shaking, high fives, etc. during the event, including the alliances standing behind the drivers' stations.
	Teams are encouraged to allow extra space between individuals and teams in the pits, stands and eating areas.
	When possible, volunteer meal times may be adjusted to allow more distancing in the volunteer lounge.

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Cleaning



- ❖ Teams should bring their own cleaning supplies and follow their team/school's procedures for cleaning and use of shared items.
- Frequent hand washing with soap and water, or hand sanitizer, is encouraged.
- Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the venue for all attendees.
- Sanitizing wipes will be available for event volunteer use in the volunteer lounge, pit area, and field area.

In accordance with Rapid React rule H101, event organizers will enforce these policies through verbal warning and reserve the right to deny entry or eject individuals who do not comply.

Additional event information is available on the FIRST LA Regional website.

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