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Hello FIRST Indiana Robotics Community,

Given the recent news about the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the FIRST in Indiana Board of Directors wanted to share the following update.

FIRST in Indiana is in contact with FIRST Headquarters who are monitoring the situation. We are following the instructions of local, state, and national health officials. As a statewide organization, we are working with local event committees and host sites to ensure precautions are being taken for the health and safety of participants and attendees.

At this point there is no change to any of the statewide event plans. However, should the situation change we will proactively adjust. The safety of students, volunteers, attendees, mentors, partners, and all participants our highest concern.

The most important way to protect yourself against the spread of any contagious disease is to understand the symptoms, risks, and steps that can be taken to stay healthy while you are at events.

Safety Precautions:

- Stay home if feeling unwell, developing a cough, or running a fever
- Practice hand hygiene, including frequent hand washing, use of hand sanitizer, and avoiding touching eyes, nose, and mouth
- Practice respiratory etiquette, including covering cough and sneezes with a tissue, and then disposing of the tissue in the trash
- Clean frequently touched surface and objects daily (including tablets and cell phones)
- Perform self-monitoring, and seek medical care immediately if feeling unwell

At Events:

- Signs are posted around the event reminding attendees of proper handwashing procedures. There are bathrooms with sinks and soap throughout each event location.
- Hand sanitizer is stationed at all entrances, Pit Admin, in the Cafeteria, on the field, and in the Volunteer Lounge.

If you have specific questions and are a member of a team, please reach out to your lead mentor first. All volunteers, lead mentors, and event planning committee members can forward any questions to Mary Rinehart, Vice Chairman at mrinehart@indianafirst.org.

Additional Information:

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

Indiana State Department of Health: <https://www.in.gov/isdh/28470.htm>

FIRST Robotics: <https://www.firstinspires.org/covid-19>

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