



Los Angeles County **SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR**

Excellence in Science, Engineering, Mathematics, and Technology

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Dear Site Coordinators, Parents, Students, Judges, & Volunteers,

The Executive Board of the Los Angeles County Science & Engineering Fair continues to closely monitor the Covid-19 outbreak and all guidance / updates provided by the CDC, the World Health Organization, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, and the California State Department of Public Health. The health and wellness of our participants is always a top priority, and we ask for your partnership as illness prevention is always best.

In response to the CDC & World Health Organization's guidelines on community gatherings, specifically aimed at minimizing contact in large gatherings of over 1,000 people, the Executive Board of the Los Angeles County Science & Engineering Fair has made the hard decision to cancel this year's Awards Ceremony. We will still grant awards based on Judges' decisions and Judging will still occur. Awards will be available for pick-up during Project Removal on Saturday, March 21st. A specific staggered schedule will be provided for project pick-up, in order to minimize large gatherings.

With regards to Registration Day and Judging Day, they will still occur and we encourage all participants to follow the important health tips below:

- Avoid close contact with others who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water when hands are visibly dirty.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with your elbow or a tissue (and throw the tissue away).
- Avoid sharing drinks, water bottles, silverware, and pencils/pens.
- Follow the Fair's illness policy if you become sick:
 - Anyone with a temperature greater than 100° F is considered contagious and must not attend. A person can attend the Fair once they have been fever-free for 24 hours without the assistance of Tylenol or Advil/Motrin.
 - Anyone who has a cold with excessive coughing, runny nose, and/or thickened nasal secretions is most likely still contagious, even when taking over-the-counter cold and cough medicine to relieve symptoms. Anyone with these symptoms should be given the extra time to rest at home and recuperate.

Registration and Judging Day, hand sanitizing wipes will be made available to all participants at regular intervals. Should someone fall ill, our normal first aid protocol will be followed and as per guidance, we will have an isolation area should that be a need. Again, our priority is the health and wellness of all of our participants – judges, staff, students, site coordinators, volunteers, parents, and guests.

As always, we will continue to monitor the situation closely and will follow guidance from the [CDC](#) and the [Los Angeles County Department of Public Health](#).

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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