

Washington DECA response to Coronavirus concerns for SCDC

Washington DECA is carefully monitoring the Coronavirus situation. The decision to attend or not attend the conference lies with **parents, your district office and your schools**. If more than 25% of the attendees cancel, Washington DECA would cancel the conference. We would also cancel if directed by a government authority. If the conference is canceled, the Area Leaders group would determine an alternate process for advancing students to ICDC. As you know this is a volatile situation, we continue to communicate with the officials on the status of the conference and will make daily announcements via email.

As a reminder, please do not allow students and chaperones who are sick to attend the conference. In addition, we are instituting a no-handshake policy for the duration of the conference to prevent the spreading of germs. There are numerous hand sanitizer stations in both the Meydenbauer Center and the Hyatt Hotel, where competition is held. We will also have sanitizer available in the judging areas. One pencil will be distributed to each student for role play events and calculators and role play material will be sanitized in between participants. Both venues are taking additional precautions and have added staff to sanitize during the conference.

Lastly, we will include a flyer of preventative actions to all teachers when they check in for the conference as well as make announcements during the conference. Please note the recommendations below from the CDC and communicate to all delegates, along with the competition protocol attached.

CDC Recommendations for COVID-19

CDC always recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Follow CDC's recommendations for using a facemask.
 - CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19.
- 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.

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