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AISC Response to COVID-19 Concerns

Health and Safety Update for SSBC Events

The health and safety of SSBC participants, spectators, and hosts are of paramount importance to AISC. We are monitoring the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) situation and will follow safety measures issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). You can view the most recent CDC news and recommendations [here](#).

Some areas and schools are being impacted more than others. Currently, our [SSBC Planning Team](#) is working to develop alternative plans for SSBC participation in the event that a change of course is necessary, and we will work closely with each Host School to implement these plans. Preliminary information on these alternative plans follows.

Canceled Events

Hosts will notify all participants, volunteers, and judges as soon as possible if they need to cancel their Regional Event. Teams will be allowed to compete virtually (see information on Virtual Participation). It is up to the discretion of the Host School whether they are able to issue a partial or full refund of your registration.

Modified In-Person Competitions

For the SSBC Regional Events that go on as planned, the Host School may choose to implement a modified in-person competition to promote safe practices. Recommendations for a modified in-person competition may include limiting the number of teams competing at one time, limiting social gatherings or interaction between competing teams, and/or restricting spectators to viewing the event by live stream. AISC will also encourage hosts to provide hand sanitizers, disinfectant wipes, and convenient access to facilities for hand washing. Final competition plans and schedules will be determined by each Host School based on local recommendations.

Virtual Participation

AISC understands that some schools have new travel restrictions in place, and some Host Schools may not be able to carry out their hosting duties. With this in mind, we are working to develop an option for schools to participate from home by virtual means. The SSBC Rules Committee is finalizing the parameters of this participation option while working to make the competition as fair as possible. Non-guest teams that participate virtually will be eligible to



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qualify for the National Finals. Additional information on this will be shared with SSBC Team Captains and Faculty Advisors as soon as it is available.

Stay Tuned for Updates

The measures described above are in the works, and finalized details will be announced in the coming days ahead. Look for updates to be shared by your team's [SSBC - Regional Event Host](#), and contact them with questions you may have.