



COVID-19 Policies & Plan

2022 FIRST® FORWARDSM season

The Hawai'i Regional Planning Committee and FIRST® recognize that the health and safety of FIRST teams, volunteers, and staff must be our top priority. We are following guidelines from state and county health departments, the CDC, and the University of Hawai'i regarding COVID-19. Decisions regarding event planning are made based on the guidance and policies as established by community and public health officials, by the venues hosting our events, and in the spirit of Gracious Professionalism®. These latest version of these policies are accessible at the State of Hawaii's Safe Travels web site (<https://travel.hawaii.gov/#/>), the City & County of Honolulu's web site (<https://www.oneoahu.org/>), and the University of Hawaii's web site (<https://www.hawaii.edu/covid19/>).

Gracious Professionalism® is part of the ethos of FIRST. It's a way of doing things that encourages high-quality work, emphasizes the value of others, and respects individuals and the community. These policies may be more stringent than the precautions that your team or family observe, but the large number of attendees at the competition requires a higher level of mitigation measures. Showing respect for the health and safety of all participants at the event - team members, volunteers, event staff and visitors - exemplifies the spirit of Gracious Professionalism®.

We know that teams and volunteers have questions about what 2022 events will look like, and we are sharing the information that we know at this time. Information will be updated as it becomes available, so check back for updates.

<p>Campus/Venue Entry & Pit Restrictions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While vaccination is not required to attend this event, FIRST believes that the best path toward ending the COVID-19 pandemic—and having a successful season—is through vaccination. FIRST strongly recommends everyone who is eligible consult with their physician and be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, with booster shots if applicable, prior to attending the event. • All participants, supporters, and spectators will perform a daily health check and not enter the arena if any of the following conditions apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tested positive for COVID-19 and are on home isolation; or have any of the following symptoms of illness that are new, worsening, and not attributable to a pre-existing condition: • Fever greater than 100.4 °F or feeling feverish (chills, sweating) • Cough • Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, • Sore throat, • Unexplained muscle/body aches, • Nausea/vomiting or diarrhea, • Loss of senses of taste or smell, • Runny or congested nose,
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headache, • Skin rash, • Chest pain or pressure • Have traveled out of the state and are currently under quarantine orders by the HDOH or their medical care provider • Not up-to-date with the COVID-19 vaccine and have been in close contact (<6 feet for ≥ 15 minutes, cumulatively, over a 24-hour period) with anyone who has an active, diagnosed case of COVID-19 • Not up-to-date with the COVID-19 vaccine and have been told by the HDOH that they have been in contact with a person with COVID-19 • All participants and visitors are advised to follow all event signage regarding entry into event pits, viewing stands, and other designated spaces. The Hawai'i Regional Planning Committee may restrict entry into the event pits to reduce crowding and create the best possible experience for all participants. The Committee may also restrict overall venue and event access to participating teams and mentors only, should health and safety conditions necessitate this additional step.
<p>Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face masks are required for all individuals in attendance at all times when inside the event venue regardless of vaccination status, except when eating or drinking. Face masks should be worn correctly, covering both the nose and mouth. Teams must bring an adequate supply of masks for all participants. All other attendees must bring their own supply of face masks sufficient for the duration of the event. • Face shields, bandanas, single-layer gaiters and masks with exhalation valves are NOT considered effective PPE for mitigating the spread of COVID-19. These items should not be worn at the event. • Program-specific personal protective equipment rules, including those around safety glasses and closed toe shoes, will be enforced as usual. All participants are expected to bring their own personal safety glasses; there will be limited on-site availability. In addition, every team should bring their own safety glass cleaning supplies. Anti-fog spray also is recommended to help prevent fogging of glasses. Other safety measures are included in the <i>FIRST</i> Safety Manual.
<p>Teams</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentors & volunteers must verify that anyone travelling with their team has passed a health screening each day of the event. The team's travel mentor or primary/lead mentor must not allow anyone who fails this health screening to enter the event venue. • Teams need a plan to handle illnesses that arise during the event, including failure to pass the daily health screening. For example, the plan should include logistics to seek medical help, and to send an ill person home or isolate the ill person away from the event venue. Any individual supervising an ill student should be an adult over the age of 18 and graduated from high school. • Local testing and medical sites are available at the UH web site above.
<p>Event Volunteers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers must also perform a daily health check before coming to the venue. If a volunteer does not pass the daily health screening or is

	otherwise ill, they must notify the event's volunteer coordinators and not come to the event venue.
Physical Distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There should not be any shaking of hands or high fives during the event, including the alliances standing behind the drivers' stations. We will conduct alternate means of congratulation during the awards.• Teams are encouraged to allow extra space between individuals and teams in the pits, stands and eating areas.• When possible, volunteer mealtimes will be adjusted to allow more distancing in the volunteer lounge.
Cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teams should bring their own cleaning supplies and follow their team's and school's procedures for cleaning and use of shared materials and tools.• Frequent hand washing with soap and water or hand sanitizer is encouraged.• Sanitizing wipes and hand sanitizer will be available for event volunteer use in the volunteer lounge, pit area, and field area