

Message Regarding Coronavirus

Texas DI Teams, Team Managers, Appraisers and Officials,

Greetings!

Texas DI wants to be transparent about the Coronavirus and keep you informed with what is happening at the Affiliate level and with Global Finals. Texas DI is working with the University of Texas at Arlington. We are all working to make the tournament safe for all participants and continue with the tournament, but the safety of our participants comes first.

The Executive Board will meet to discuss how to proceed if UTA says that we cannot hold the Lone Star Finals. I will keep you informed with weekly updates about status of the tournament.

I have read everything that I have found published about the Coronavirus. Below in the letter that Michele Tuck-Ponder, the Executive Director of Destination Imagination, sent to all people participating in DI, she mentions the best way to take precautions to prevent the spread of the flu and the Coronavirus. Both Texas DI and Destination Imagination are closely monitoring the situation and will keep you informed..

By: Michele Tuck-Ponder, Executive Director

To the members of the Destination Imagination community,

Over the past few weeks, we have been closely monitoring developments concerning coronavirus (2019-nCoV), which was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. Since then, the virus has been identified in other countries, including cases in the U.S.

The [Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) considers this virus a public health concern based on current information. However, the immediate health risk to the general U.S. public is considered low at this time.

The health and safety of our participants and community members are of our highest priorities. As we near our Global Finals event, please be assured that we are monitoring the situation on a daily basis. At this time, we have no reason to believe that our community will be at risk on-site in Kansas City, Missouri this May.

The best way to prevent infection is to take precautions to avoid exposure to this virus, which are similar to the precautions you take to avoid the flu. The CDC always recommends these everyday actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- 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.

For the latest updates on the Coronavirus or the flu, please visit the [CDC](#) website.