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Hello, and welcome to the 2022 Southeast Regional Science Olympiad at FAU!! We are very excited to be hosting this event on Feb 26, 2022.

At this time, I am confirming that we are moving forward with a fully in-person event. The following COVID-related policies will be in place and will be strictly followed, and I expect that everyone will understand and respect these policies.

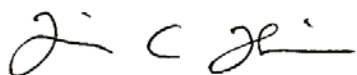
Participation: Students or coaches who are sick should not attend the Science Olympiad. “Last-minute” substitutions will be allowed the morning of the tournament to allow teams to cover for sick individuals on short-notice; however, any substitutes need to be identified at the start of the tournament. Substitutions during the day, after the tournament begins, will not be allowed. Any substitute competing in the event will need to have all the same paperwork filled out, just like any other competitor, so plan to be able to provide all of this paperwork on the morning of the tournament, if necessary.

Masks: All persons are **required to provide and wear** a mask whenever they enter any indoor space. This includes hallways, restrooms, the competition classrooms, the homeroom classroom, and any other indoor space. An exception will be made for individuals who have a legitimate reason for not wearing a mask. In such cases, the coach needs to make me aware of the student and their situation (within the limits of confidentiality) in writing *in advance of the competition*.

Masks are also expected to be worn in all outside spaces whenever practical, especially when in close contact with other people, for example during morning check-in and during the awards ceremony.

All Indoor Events Are Closed to the Public: For 2022, all indoor events are closed to the public. Only student competitors and the event supervisory staff will be allowed in the competition rooms. This includes events being held in the gymnasium. The only events open to the public are those being held outdoors, which includes Storm the Castle in Division B, and Trajectory in Division C.

Thank you!!



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