

1. What precautions are being taken that students exposed to the Coronavirus will not be attending the tournaments and will be acting responsibly? We are following the school district protocol, we have no way of enforcing this as a league; it is up to coaches to confirm if they can compete at a tournament and parents to ensure their children are cleared to compete at a tournament. If they are on a stay-at-home directive, they may not attend. We can do no more than the schools are capable of doing. With HIPAA, we are not privileged to student medical information.

Given the difficulty of public speaking while wearing facial coverings, will students be required to wear their masks continually during rounds? If so, how is this being enforced?

Students must wear masks at all times, per district policies, including during presentations. If medically cleared not to wear a mask, coaches must email this information to Traci Lowe (traci.lowe@palmbeachschools.org) by the time registration closes on Speechwire the Tuesday prior to the tournament. If not medically cleared, or if this information is not emailed to Traci Lowe by this deadline, students who fail to wear a mask at the tournament will be disqualified. For Congress, there will be seating charts; for debate and interp, students will be able to maintain proper social distancing in the classroom.

Is lunch expected to be individually boxed units? That would be recommended. Or pre-wrapped or pre-packaged items. More focus on subs, etc.; less on pizza and the sort. Make sure the individuals serving food are wearing masks and gloves.

If someone who attends the tournament does test positive for COVID, will students that were in rounds with those students be notified of their exposure since the responsibility of contact tracing is now on individual schools instead of the DOH? How is this being approached? If post-tournament a student tests positive, we will need to get a copy of the congress seating chart to that student's school's administration, who will then need to contact administrators from other schools whose students might have been in proximity to said student. We don't have access to that information. For Congress, there will be seating charts; for debate and interp, students will be able to maintain proper social distancing in the classroom.