

COLORADO REGIONAL SITE AND COVID INFORMATION

March 23 - 26, 2022

EVENT LOCATION:

University of Denver - Daniel L. Ritchie Center
2201 East Asbury Ave.
Denver, CO USA

Venue Website: www.ritchiecenter.du.edu

Event Website: <https://coloradofirst.org>

COVID Information – as of 03/16/22: For more information, please see pages 3-4 of this document.

DIRECTIONS TO THE RITCHIE CENTER:

The Ritchie Center is in the Northwest section of the University of Denver campus. It is the building with the tall gold steeple. **The team entrance is on Buchtel Boulevard.** From University Avenue, turn west onto Buchtel Boulevard. The Ritchie Center will be on your left. Turn left into the circle in front of the Ritchie Center which is the team load-in and load-out point.

PARKING:

Teams and their guests may purchase parking passes for Lot 108 from Colorado *FIRST* at team check-in on 3/23 or at Pit Admin for \$10 per day. Other short-term parking is available on campus. See [Parking Locations & Maps | Parking | University of Denver \(du.edu\)](#) for details.



SITE RESTRICTIONS

Please read the following restrictions and adhere to them in order to promote an orderly, safe, pleasant, and exciting competition. As a group, we all should honor agreements with the venue and help promote the spirit of good partnership.

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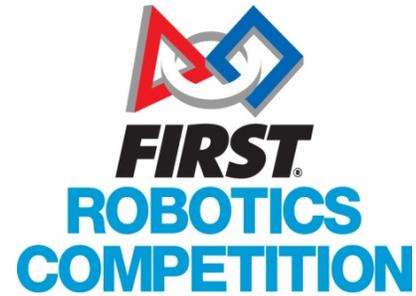
- **Do not use skateboards or 'hoverboards'**. This is a safety concern.
- **Do not use drones.** This is a safety concern.
- **Do not bring bottled gas tanks (e.g. helium).** This is a safety concern.
- **Do not use noisy devices**, such as floor stompers, whistles and/or air horns.
- **Do not** arrange for Internet access or phone lines from venue service providers or attempt to use venue internet connections reserved for event purposes (e.g., FMS or streaming).
- **Do not sell any products.** This includes food, hats, shirts or any promotional products.
- **Do not distribute any food products**, such as candy, water, soft drinks or fruit.
- **Do not sell raffle tickets.**
- **Do not use walkie-talkies.**
- **Do not invite or bring live bands to play in the audience.** This dilutes the presentation on the playing field and is too loud and confusing for the audience.
- **Do not play loud music in the Pit** because it interferes with important announcements. If a team receives more than a warning or two, the power to the team Pit will be shut off and/or the music device confiscated.
- **Glitter and/or confetti are not permitted** in any part of the venue. Should this policy not be followed, an appropriate charge will be assessed for the cleanup of this material.
- **Do not form "tunnels"** during the Awards Ceremony. This can cause discomfort to those traveling through them and creates safety issues.
- **Do not save seats.**
- **Do not wear open-toed shoes**

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COVID-19 Policies

Update: 03/16/2022



The Colorado 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 local school districts 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*[®].

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 the 2022 Colorado Regional event will look like and we are sharing the information that we do know *at this time*. Information will be updated as it becomes available, so check back for updates.

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- **Face masks are REQUIRED for unvaccinated individuals in attendance when inside the event venue except when eating or drinking or actively participating in the competition (drive team during matches, judging sessions and volunteers speaking during matches).** Face masks should be worn correctly, covering both the nose and mouth. Please bring your own masks and extras for your guests.
 - 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, 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 [FIRST Safety Manual](#).

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

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- All participants and visitors are advised to follow all event signage regarding entry into event pits, viewing stands, and other designated spaces. **The Colorado Regional Planning Committee reserves the right to restrict entry into the event pits to reduce crowding and create the best possible experience for all participants.** The Colorado Regional Planning Committee may also restrict overall venue and event access to participating teams and mentors only, should health and safety conditions necessitate this additional step.

Venue Entry & Pit Restrictions

Daily Health Screening

Do not come to the event if you are sick or if you have been in contact with someone who is sick.

All individuals should follow the rules established by their local health authorities.

- All event attendees may be asked to verbally verify that they do not have any COVID-19 symptoms when they enter the venue. 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.

Teams

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- Volunteers may be asked to verify that they do not have any COVID-19 symptoms when they enter the venue. If a volunteer is ill, they must notify the event's volunteer coordinator(s) and not come to the event venue.

Event Volunteers

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- ***Whenever possible, everyone should avoid close contact with others.***
 - There should not be any shaking of hands, high fives, etc. during the event, including the alliances standing behind the drivers' stations.
 - 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.

Physical Distancing

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- 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.

Cleaning

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- *At this time, the Colorado Regional does not require event attendees to be vaccinated. 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.*

Vaccinations
