

ST. LOUIS REGIONAL SITE AND COVID INFORMATION

March 30 – April 2, 2022

Event Location:

Chaifetz Arena
1 S. Compton Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63104

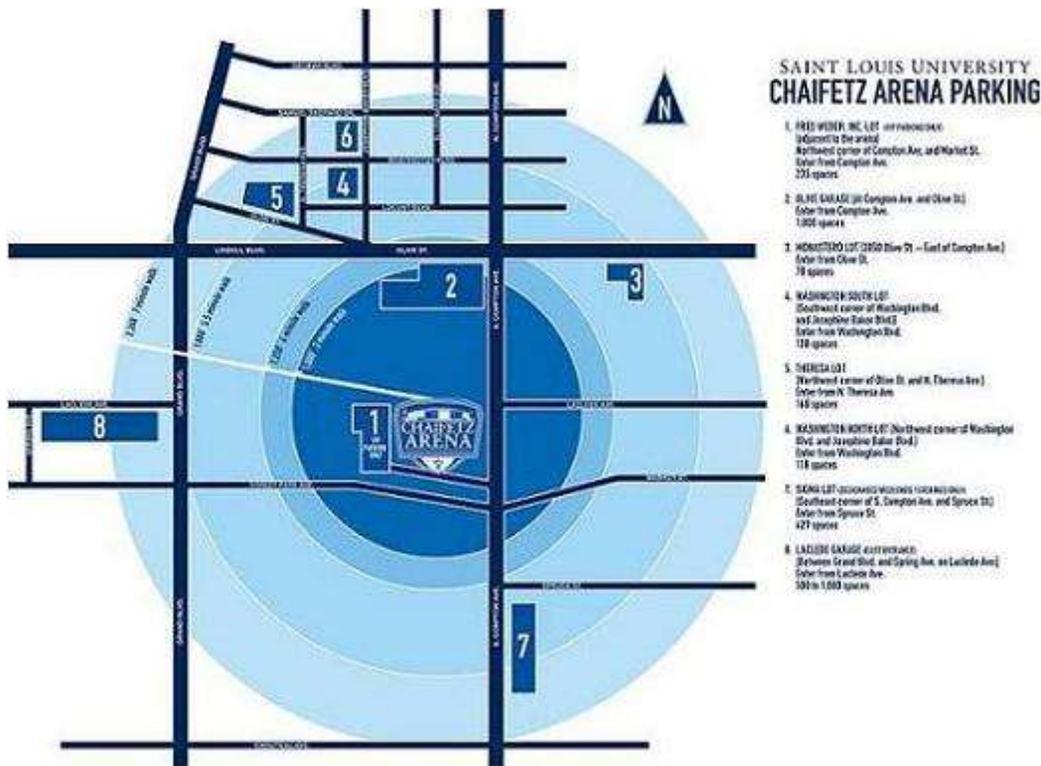
<http://www.stlfirst.org/>

<http://thechaifetzarena.com/>

COVID Information – as of 3/15/22: Venue policy recently changed following federal, state, and local guidance to something which might well be described as pre-COVID-19 normalcy. The venue has eliminated the policy to be vaccinated or present proof of a negative COVID-19 test and, they no longer require the use of a face mask. The policies in **pages 3 and 4 of this document** attempt to follow these guidelines while respecting the transitional moment in which we will likely host the Saint Louis Regional event. Information will be updated as it becomes available, so check back for updates.

NOTE: The event site will not accept or store team robots or toolboxes.

PARKING MAP



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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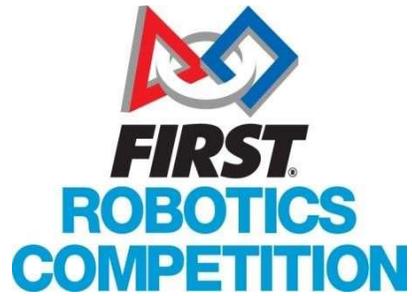
- **Do not use skateboards or 'hoverboards'**. This is a safety concern.
- **Do not use drones.** This is a safety concern.
- **Do not bring bottled gas tanks (e.g. helium).** This is a safety concern.
- **Do not use noisy devices**, such as floor stompers, whistles and/or air horns.
- **Do not** arrange 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.
- **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**

COVID-19 Policies and Plan

The Saint Louis Regional (MOSL)

Saint Louis, MO

Update: **March 15, 2022**



The Saint Louis Regional Planning Committee and *FIRST*® recognize 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*®.

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- ***The use of face masks will be respected as a personal choice but is not required for individuals in attendance.*** Teams must bring an adequate supply of masks for all participants choosing to use them.
 - Please carry a face mask in case an event volunteer, judge, or other participant approaches you wearing their own mask. Our event participants are amazing, and in this transitional time, we hope and expect all participants to manage each personal interaction in a manner comfortable to everyone.
 - 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. Antifog spray 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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- The Saint Louis Regional Planning Committee will manage access to the event pits in the normal manner, requiring safety glasses and closed-toe shoes. Unrestricted pit access may or may not be the rule at the time of the event, but it seems likely at this time.

Venue Entry and Pit Restrictions

Daily Health Screening

If you are sick with fever, or other cold and flu symptoms, do not come to the event.

We will look forward to seeing you well at a *FIRST* event soon.

- Mentors and volunteers must verify 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 arising 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 must perform a daily health screening 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 coordinator(s) and not come to the event venue.

Event Volunteers

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- As was mentioned with the face mask earlier, please be aware some people may be uncomfortable being close to others during this early period of the transition to more typical community health protocols. Please manage each personal interaction in a manner comfortable to everyone and allow for physical distancing when desired.
 - Shaking of hands, high fives, etc. during the event, including the alliances standing behind the drivers' stations is discouraged.
 - We will announce the rules for the award lines just before the ceremony.

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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- *FIRST* believes that the best path toward ending the COVID-19 pandemic—and having a successful season—is through vaccination. We strongly recommend everyone who is eligible and has access to a vaccine consult with their physician and get vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as possible.

Vaccinations
