



The Georgia FFA, as all of Georgia's Career and Technical Student Organizations (CSTO), are working closely with our local and state health partners as we monitor the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). COVID-19 is a respiratory illness with symptoms that include shortness of breath, fever, and cough.

On March 2, 2020, the Georgia Department of Public Health confirmed the first two cases of COVID-19 in Georgia. Although COVID-19 has spread to our state, the risk for the general public remains low at this time. As new information arises, Georgia FFA and other Georgia CTSO's remain at a heightened state of *awareness*. This state does not call for the cancellation or rescheduling of any current or future events based on current information. We will continue to update students, teachers, administrators, and parents as we receive more information from the Department of Public Health. If you have concerns about a specific convention or conference location, contact the site manager of a specific venue. For more information about specific students or situations, communicate with your local school nurse or board of health.

For Georgia FFA and all of Georgia CTSO's, students' safety is our number one priority. Therefore, we recommend continuing to follow the below listed healthy practices:

- Sneeze and cough into your elbow or cover with a tissue.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Don't share personal items
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces that are frequently touched
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people
- If your student gets sick, please keep them home from school.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping all students healthy and safe.

Additional Resources:

- [Center for Disease Control Guidance for Schools](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on COVID-19](#)
- [Georgia Department of Public Health](#)
- [Georgia Department of Education](#)
- [Talking to Children about the Flu](#)
- [CDC Handwashing Flyer](#)
- [Cover your Cough Flyer](#)
- [Germ Free Zone Flyer](#)
- [Germ Stopper Flyer](#)