The 2020 NASP® Western and Eastern National Tournaments are soon to be underway!

State Tournaments are now being held across many NASP® jurisdictions, several of them have been virtual or some jurisdictions are using regional results if necessary to qualify for nationals. At this time, all established NASP® National Tournament procedures, timelines and registration deadlines are in place as normal. If this should change in any way, the National Archery in the Schools Program will notify everyone as soon as possible.

With that said, we know that some of our coaches, parents and archers may have questions about the COVID-19 virus and our planning process as we recently shared this statement …

“Since inception, the National Archery in the Schools Program has demonstrated that the safety and welfare of our student archers and their families has been our top priority.

NASP® is monitoring updates on the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and its potential impact, if any, on assembly and travel within the United States.

As NASP® is a school-based program, we know that leadership in each of our ~8,800 school districts will continue to receive instructions on related “best practices” from appropriate state and Federal sources related to all health related topics.

At such time that any restrictive health and safety recommendations are provided to school districts by the appropriate state and Federal agencies that could impact travel to, or participation in one our events, NASP® will communicate appropriately in a timely manner regarding any/all potential impacts.”

The Mountain America Exposition Center has produced this information for your review on their efforts to keep attendees safe and healthy in Sandy, Utah: https://www.visitsaltlake.com/mountain-america-expo-center/covid-19-updates/

The Kentucky Exposition Center has released this statement for your review regarding their efforts to provide a safe event in Louisville, KY: https://kyconvention.com/novel-coronavirus-covid-19/

For all Coaches, Parents and Archers attending our events, here are some “Best Practices” for your consideration:
---Encourage your archers to wash their hands before and after shooting, encourage hand washing as often as possible.
---Be efficient in your time spent at the state tournament. Limit your time to your flight, rather than spending extra time watching extra flights after your students are finished shooting.
---Please have your students understand that they should handle and touch only their own equipment. (Arrow tips covered please!)
---Hand sanitizer will be made available throughout the venues (bringing your own personal hand sanitizer is also welcomed and encouraged).
---Encourage parents to keep sick children home. Adults that are ill or are susceptible to illness need to stay home too.
---Lastly, based on a recommendation from NASP®, let your archers know that we are going to be conducting a No Handshake Tournament. An elbow bump or a simple statement of “Way to go!” will give the same congratulatory message.

**In addition to washing hands and using hand sanitizer, here are recommendations from the Center for Disease Control:**

There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The best way to prevent illness is to avoid exposure.

**Personal Prevention Measures:**

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick with fever, coughing, sneezing, and difficulty breathing. To avoid close contact, stay at least 6 feet away from others.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. To avoid coughing into your hands, you can cough into your elbow.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

For information about handwashing, see [CDC’s Handwashing website](https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing);

Additional information can be obtained at: [www.KYCOVID19.KY.GOV](http://www.KYCOVID19.KY.GOV)

*For updates and information on any NASP® tournament, please visit naspschools.org – we have placed a special “Coronavirus tile” on our homepage to provide updates on the Coronavirus regarding our events.*

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