

## 2020 Health Policy

Michigan Safe Start Stage 4

1. We will post our Health Screening Policy in the robotics area. This informs participants about building rules and cleaning policies.
2. We have implemented Adult and Youth Participant versions of an Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19. We must have a signed document on file for every person entering the areas designated for robotics.
3. We conduct daily health screenings. Everyone entering the robotics area will need to complete a Daily Health Screening Questionnaire and have their temperature taken with a touchless device by an adult volunteer at the entrance.
  - a. Those with temperatures above 100.4 F will not be allowed in but can wait for 15 minutes and retry to see if their temperature lowers.
  - b. Anyone that does not maintain a temperature below 100.4 will not be allowed to stay.
  - c. If the questionnaire indicates higher levels of risk then they will not be permitted in.
  - d. Students that are not admitted can return the following day if they no longer have symptoms.
  - e. Anyone that does not feel well should stay home. This includes body aches, sore throat, or fever.
  - f. Students with continuing health concerns are encouraged to see a health professional.
4. All outside robotics teams who come to our facility to compete in an event will complete the same Health Screening Questionnaire. If we do host an event during stage 4, we will only allow teams from the West Michigan area.
5. All families of participants should be aware of the importance of minimizing the exposure of their students to locations and situations with a high risk COVID-19. All participants should be aware of those they have been in contact with, and of any high risk situations they have been in during the past 14 day.
6. Team members will be working closely together and must help each other stay safe. Students must trust that, during and outside of robotics, their teammates are making decisions that protect the health and wellbeing of the team.
7. We will keep the number of participants in a group on-site below any federal, state, or local ceiling that is in effect.
8. We have limited the size of our VEX EDR and VEX IQ teams to no more than three team members for high school and three team members plus a coach for middle and elementary levels.
9. With the exception of dropping off and picking up students, no parents or spectators are allowed at the robotics center during any practice or event period.
10. All team members must wear masks at all times indoors, and outdoors when they cannot maintain six feet of social distancing.
11. Individuals may use restroom facilities inside the robotics center, but only one person will be allowed in a restroom at a time. All participants must wear masks at all times when they are inside the building.
12. At this time, teams may not meet outside of the robotics center. This includes students from different families meeting at someone's home.

## Team Policies

1. Teams will meet outdoors at the northwest corner of the HPS Fitness Center (Robotics center).
2. We are working to acquire tents to protect teams from the elements.
3. No one may enter the robotics area until they have passed the health screening.
4. Volunteers will coordinate the move of equipment from the storage room to the robotics area.
5. Hand sanitizer and disinfectant supplies will be provided.
6. Teams will meet and build at six-foot pit tables and we will provide six feet or more of space between the pit tables to allow for social distancing.
7. All teams are issued robot electronics and a kit of parts.
8. Additional parts are available from common parts bins or rolling racks. We will sanitize the parts on the racks. If a student takes a part then it cannot be returned to the rack.
9. Unwanted parts will be returned to the "Used Parts" bin where they must remain until they are sanitized by a volunteer and returned to the parts rack.
10. Teams may not share any parts, tools, or other equipment with each other.
11. VEX teams working with metal parts will use common saws and files. Students are required to use hand sanitizer before and after using a common tool.
12. All teams will use a common field for practice. We do not disinfect game elements or practice fields between team use. Students are required to use hand sanitizer before and after handling field elements.
13. At the end of practice, all team supplies must be packed away and placed on a cart. The tables will need to be cleaned and left wet to dry before being put away.

## Competition Experience

This year the practice routine and competition experience will be much different than years past. Please review the following information to determine your interest in participating this year.

- Teams will be smaller this season so there will be more pressure on students to complete their design.
- During a competition, the team must remain in their pits for the duration of the event when they are not doing an activity.
- Only two students from a team may approach the field for a match or skills run.
- During activities, each team will stand at a corner of the field to maximize distancing.
- No spectators or unnecessary volunteers will be allowed at events.
- Teams may not be at the field to watch other matches.
- Many organizations are developing livestream programs so that spectators can watch online.
- Vex is expected to release a remote competition system in November where teams will be able to compete from their own practice space. Four teams can be competing on four separate fields connected by the internet. The rules are a little different than the standard game.
- We plan on participating in a few in-person leagues with Grandville and we are hoping that more robotics programs and events emerge.
- At this time we will not be attending any events outside of the West Michigan area. We will be sure to notify parents if that policy changes.
- At this time we cannot determine if there will be any advancing tournaments.