

**Junior Achievement of Greater South Carolina (JAGSC):
Statement on the Coronavirus (COVID-19)
March 2020**

Dear JA Teachers, Volunteers, Partners & Supporters,

The safety and well-being of our staff, students, teachers, JA volunteers and corporate supporters, is our priorities. We want to assure you that we are being vigilant of ongoing updates and are following best practices in conjunction with the recommendations from the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) and the [South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control](#). At this time, we will continue with JA programs as scheduled, but will carefully monitor the situation and respond accordingly.

In addition to the common flu prevention actions suggested by the CDC, here are the steps we are proactively taking to make your safety our number one priority:

Staff

- All JAGSC employees, consultants, and interns are required to use proper hygiene and hand washing procedures while at the JA office. JAGSC is providing soap and hand sanitizer in the office for employees. **(To date, NO cases have been reported at any JA office in the U.S.)**
- JAGSC staff remain in constant contact with all schools and volunteer companies to monitor any risks associated with the virus
- JAGSC management is in constant contact with local hospital leadership to monitor any outbreaks and/or potential new risks

Schools

- JAGSC staff remain in constant contact with volunteer companies to monitor any risks associated with the virus at corporate/business facilities and among company employees
- JAGSC staff is monitoring for potential school closures or disruptions and asks that all JA educators let the JA office know of anything that could affect the delivery of JA programs.
JAGSC recommends that educators show JA volunteers the closest restroom so
- that the JA volunteer can wash his/her hands before and after the delivery of the JA program.
- JAGSC recommends that educators reach out to their JA Program Manager with any further questions or concerns

Volunteers

- JAGSC staff remain in constant contact with participating schools to monitor any risks associated with the virus at each school building and among school staff/student populations
- All JAGSC volunteers are encouraged to wash hands before teaching the JA program and after. Please ask the educator for the closest restroom or if available bring hand sanitizer to the JA class
- All JAGSC volunteer training sessions are held virtually through GlobalMeet, and JAGSC will continue to do this for the safety of all volunteers
- JAGSC is monitoring anything that might change with a school, and will notify a volunteer if there are changes, or opportunities to deliver the program in another delivery model

Special Event Attendees

- JAGSC staff remain in constant contact with event venues to monitor any risks associated with the virus at each event venue **(To date, the South Carolina Business Hall of Fame has been postponed)**
- All JAGSC special event attendees will be given complimentary hand sanitizer upon entering the event venue
- JAGSC is encouraging all event venues to frequently clean all surfaces (doorknobs, common areas, ballrooms, bathrooms, etc.)

Again, the safety of JA's supporters is of utmost importance and rest assured we are taking every precaution necessary to maintain appropriate safety protocols while also ensuring that the JA students who are counting on us to deliver our life-changing programs do not miss out.

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for your continued commitment to Junior Achievement. I can be reached at casey.pash@ja.org or 803.252.1974.

Sincerely,



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