SAINT LOUIS CHESS CAMPUS COVID-19 STATEMENT

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With the developing news regarding COVID-19 (novel coronavirus), we wanted to take a moment to share how the [Saint Louis Chess Club](https://www.saintlouischess.org) and the [World Chess Hall of Fame](https://www.worldchesshall.com) is addressing the concern in our programs and events. Both organizations will remain open during regular business hours at this time.

- We are closely monitoring the situation and are committed to following the recommendations of local, state and federal authorities.
- We are evaluating each of our program days and events on a case-by-case basis and remain in close contact with our partners, hosts, venues and vendors.
- We anticipate that some events will need to be modified or postponed due to venue restrictions, availability of guests, or as a general precaution. **If you are a current program participant and/or event registrant**, we will communicate with you directly regarding changes to upcoming plans, so please watch your email.

As organizations that are open to the general public, it's important to follow evidence-based guidelines. To this end, we encourage all of our program participants, event attendees, members and visitors to:

- **Practice good hand-washing & hygiene.** Wash hands for 20 seconds with soap and water throughout the day, especially after using the restroom or before eating. Cover your mouth or nose with a tissue or your upper sleeve when you cough or sneeze. When soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- **Stay home if you're sick, particularly if you're experiencing a fever, cough or difficulty breathing.** You should also stay home if you've been in close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19. If you're experiencing symptoms, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services has activated a statewide, 24/7 hotline at (877) 435-8411. Or, on the Illinois side, you can call (800) 889-3931.

If you have any questions on COVID-19, we recommend the following resources:

- [Missouri Department of Health](https://dshs.mo.gov/coronavirus/)
- [St. Louis County Department of Health](https://www.stlouiscoupled.gov/)

Thank you for helping to keep our community healthy and safe!

The Saint Louis Chess Campus