

COVID-19 Specific Safety Practices



Edina Robotics FIRST Team 1816, “The Green Machine,” has instituted health and safety guidelines to help keep student team members and adult volunteers/mentors as safe as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are following guidance issued [by Edina Public Schools](#), the state of [Minnesota Health Department](#), and [by FIRST](#).

Stay home if you're sick! COVID-19 symptoms can vary widely from person-to-person. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4-degrees or higher is to stay home and/or seek medical attention.

Especially during the allergy, cold, and flu season, **err on the side of caution** and stay home if you do not feel 100%.

All participants are responsible for alerting the mentor-on-duty when they are staying home and state the reason why. Anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms must stay home and contact Purdy and/or Shimizu.

For those who do not know if they have been exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19 but are feeling sick: anyone with a single symptom more common to COVID-19, **stay home until a negative COVID-19 test result, an alternative diagnosis from a doctor, or 10 days pass from the time symptoms start until they improve.** Those more common symptoms include fever of 100.4 or higher, new onset or worsening cough, difficulty breathing, and a new loss of taste or smell.

Contact Tracing: Anyone **diagnosed with COVID-19** must report to Purdy/Shimizu so that all appropriate individuals are notified and the EHS Activities Office is also notified.

Pods: A reminder that anyone who has had contact with an individual who tests positive will quarantine for 14 days before allowed to return.

Subteams: Will meet remotely. The exception: When there are specific tasks and projects that cannot be completed unless the work is completed on-site.

Masks: Must be worn at all times when inside school buildings. This includes all work taking place in the Fab Lab, the upper Workshop, and hallways. There will be no sharing of masks. Participants are required to bring their own. It is suggested that participants bring an extra, just in case.

BYO PPE: Every team member and mentor will arrive prepared with their own personal protective equipment (Mask, Safety Glasses, Ear Protection, Hand Sanitizer, Hand

Wipes), and filled water bottles. There will not be any shared PPE or water bottles. Food is prohibited.

BYO Laptops: There will not be sharing of laptops and other devices when on-site work is performed. Mentors will supervise, and clean if necessary, the laptop and controls used for the robot driver's station.

Physical distancing: Will take place at all times, including when students are working on a robot. Tools, equipment, and surfaces will be cleaned both before as well as after use.

Attendance: The team will track and monitor attendance for each session. Team leaders will organize a schedule beforehand to communicate the schedule, and which mentors/students are expected and permitted on-site.

Communications to families will include the schedule that lists which mentors/students are expected and permitted on-site.

Mandatory Reporting: It is required that any participant (student/adult) who tests positive for COVID-19 or other respiratory viruses, notify the lead mentors (Purdy and/or Shimizu) as soon as possible.

Arrivals/Departures: Participants will arrive no earlier than 10 minutes before the scheduled start time. Students will wait in their cars or socially-distanced outside EHS until the scheduled start time, and the mentors on duty have arrived. Parents/Guardians will be prompt to pick-up students at the end of each work session.

Mandatory hand sanitization: Everyone arriving to EHS will use the closest hand-washing station to the workshop(s) and/or use hand sanitizer before entering the workshop space(s).

Participants will report directly to their assigned work area; there will be no congregating in hallways. Hallways are only to walk between the workshop and Fab Lab and/or to use the restrooms.

Workshop spaces: Each participant will be assigned their own workspace (in the upper Workshop) and worktable (in the Fab Lab). Assigned workspaces will correspond to the participant's predetermined & communicated work plan for the session.

Daily Cleaning: Participants are responsible for cleaning and wiping down all of the surfaces/tables/tools they use before leaving the workshop or Fab Lab.

FRC Team 1816 will provide Hand Sanitizer and Cleaning Supplies to the scheduled participants. These items will be used during workshop hours and used to clean surfaces before permitted space is closed and locked.

Important Notes:

Edina Robotics *FIRST* Team 1816, “The Green Machine,” COVID-19 Safety Practices is subject to change and adjustment.

Until the COVID-19 Pandemic ends and restrictions lifted, Team members and mentors may decline to attend in-person. The Team may provide remote connections during in-person activities.

