



19th Annual MATE ROV Competition World Championship
East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN
August 5 – 7, 2021
(check-in and safety inspections August 3-4)

MATE INSPIRATION FOR INNOVATION COVID GUIDELINES

In consideration of and respect for the student participants and others who may not yet be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, we request that all participants and those attending the event WHO ARE NOT YET FULLY VACCINATED wear face masks over the nose and mouth WHEN INDOORS.

To support this request, all participants will receive a MATE ROV Competition mask at check-in.

Exceptions to this are while drinking water or other beverages (please stay hydrated!), while eating meals or snacks, and if there is a medical condition. Exempted from this are MATE ROV Competition SCUBA divers as they perform their duties.

Further, if school/organization/institution regulations and protocols allow for students, teachers, mentors, and other members affiliated with the same team to refrain from wearing masks with or without social distancing, team members may remove masks while at their workstation. However, we request that masks are worn elsewhere while indoors, including when transitioning from team workstations to/from size and weight, the repair station, the mission stations, during the teams' product demonstration runs and engineering presentations, and in the spectator viewing areas.

All student team members and mentors are permitted in the engineering presentation rooms where they will be socially distanced from the judges; if there are no restrictions placed on the team by their school, organization, or institution, team members may remove masks during their presentations.

Entry onto the pool deck will be limited to student team members and mentors, as it always has been during the MATE World Championship. Mentors and any students above the six students that make up the "product demo team" will be permitted to sit in bleachers on the side of the pool while the team is competing. Family members and spectators will be permitted to gather together in the second-floor viewing area. Only the family members and spectators associated with the teams competing in the pool at that time will be permitted in this viewing area.

Again, the request is for those not yet fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to wear masks over the nose and mouth when indoors.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Please share any questions or concerns with Jill Zande, MATE II President/Executive Director @ jzande@marinetech.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES:

- [When You've Been Fully Vaccinated](#) (Centers for Disease Control)
- [Key Things to Know about COVID-19 Vaccines](#) (Centers for Disease Control)
- [What Should Unvaccinated People Do After Mask Mandates Are Lifted?](#)