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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

On July 27, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced new recommendations regarding face coverings for fully vaccinated individuals. This guidance came in the wake of growing concerns over the Delta variant of COVID-19 and the declining vaccine uptake rates.

On August 3, 2021, ETSU President Brian Noland sent out the following communication:

Effective Wednesday, August 4, face coverings will be required in most indoor settings for all students, faculty, staff, and visitors. This action applies to those who have been vaccinated, as well as those who have yet to receive the vaccine. Students, employees, and guests may remove their face coverings while eating or drinking, and face coverings are not required for individual private offices or residence hall rooms.

Therefore:

- 1) in accordance with the CDC guidelines;**
- 2) in consideration of and respect for the student participants and others who may not yet be fully vaccinated against COVID-19; and**
- 3) in compliance with the updated ETSU requirements**

We ask that ALL PARTICIPANTS AND THOSE ATTENDING THE EVENT 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. Other exceptions to this are MATE ROV Competition SCUBA divers as they perform their duties.

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, in compliance with the new ETSU requirements, we ask that ALL PARTICIPANTS AND THOSE ATTENDING THE EVENT 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:

- [Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People](#) (Centers for Disease Control)
- [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?](#)