



## COVID-19 Exposure Policy

To mitigate the risk of exposure to COVID-19, the World Affairs Councils of America is implementing the following exposure policy for all attendees of the **Carlos and Malú Alvarez 2021-2022 Academic WorldQuest National Competition**, held in Washington, DC on April 29-30, 2022.

1. **If a student, judge, or chaperone is exposed to an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19:** If the person has been exposed to someone with a confirmed case of COVID, they must receive a negative PCR test five days after exposure to participate in the competition.
  - 1.1. **Options for the team:** If the remaining three members are fully vaccinated (defined as having received all recommended doses of vaccine and booster if eligible) and have been wearing masks in the presence of the exposed student, they are able to participate without restriction (except to abide by masking requirements during the competition). The team is able to either select an alternate (guidance outlined below) or compete as a three-person team if they so choose. Teams are only allowed one substitution per team.
  - 1.2. **Options for alternates:** If the exposed student is unable to participate, the team can select an alternate student from the same school district. Alternates must be currently enrolled high school students and are subject to the same rules and policies as other participants. Alternate students must be submitted to the World Affairs Councils of America national office for approval before April 27, 2022.
  - 1.3. **Chaperone options:** If the chaperone was exposed (to the exposed student or another party), an alternate chaperone will attend in their place.
  
2. **If a student tests positive for COVID-19:** If a student tests positive within five days of the competition, they are no longer able to participate in the competition. If the student tests positive within 14 days of the competition, and they are fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medication and do not have symptoms after five full days of isolation, they are able to still attend by submitting a negative test to the World Affairs Councils of America national office by April 27, 2022.
  - 2.1. **Options for team:** If the student tests positive within six days of the competition and has not been in contact with other members of their team for the previous seven days before testing, the three other members are able to compete. If student has been in contact with teammates before this period, the other teammates fall under the above exposure rules. If the team tests positive or has been exposed to the student, the Council can send an alternate team. The alternate team must be submitted to the World Affairs Councils of America national office by April 27, 2022.
  - 2.2. **Options for alternates:** If the three remaining members are able to compete, they can select an alternate student from the same school district or compete as a three-person team. Alternate students are subject to the same rules and policies as other participants. If the team is unable to compete, the local Council may send an alternate team that took part in the local competition.



- 3. If a judge and/or chaperone tests positive for COVID-19:** If a judge and/or chaperone tests positive within 10 days of the competition, an alternate shall take their place. If a judge and/or chaperone tests positive within 14 days of the competition but has no fever without the use of fever-reducing medication, has no symptoms and submits a negative test to the World Affairs Councils of America national office by April 27, 2022, they may participate.

*The World Affairs Councils of America reserves the right to adjust the exposure policy in response to any changes in the public health situation, local and national health guidance, and/or venue guidance. The World Affairs Councils of America will notify all pledged Councils of any changes promptly; local Councils will then be responsible for distributing exposure policy information to the participating students, chaperones, judges, and any other relevant parties.*

*Please direct any submissions for alternates to [kramirez@worldaffairscouncils.org](mailto:kramirez@worldaffairscouncils.org).*