

TO: District- and School-level Career and Technical Education Staff
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SUBJECT: UPDATED State CTE Event Cancellations due to COVID-19

Over the last several days the Department of Education has held numerous conversations with the Department of Health, the COVID-19 Taskforce, the Governor's Office, and other state and national agencies to discuss the health and safety of our students and surrounding communities. Given the magnitude of this situation and with an understanding that many schools and districts are responding to local concerns regarding COVID-19, the following State CTE events are now cancelled:

March Events

- FCCLA State Competition, March 25 - 27, 2020
- FFA State Convention, March 29 - April 1, 2020

April Events

- TSA State Leadership Conference, April 1 - 4, 2020
- FBLA State Leadership Conference, April 5 - 8, 2020
- HOSA State Leadership Conference, April 7 - 9, 2020
- SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference, April 19 - 22, 2020
- CTE Director Spring Meeting, April 23 - 24, 2020

This is a rapidly evolving situation and additional events may be impacted in the coming weeks.

We recognize that these cancellations will bring additional questions and concerns. The Department is exploring all available options to mitigate the impact on districts and students, including any potential refunds of costs associated with these events, and will share this information as soon as possible. We ask for your patience and understanding during this unprecedented time and as we work to gather the information to answer your questions.

Many individuals have worked tirelessly to plan these exciting and enriching State CTE events. We want to publically thank you for your hard work and understand your feelings of disappointment. Please know that the decision to cancel these events was not taken lightly and was made out of an abundance of caution for the collective health and safety of our attendees.

We will continue to communicate with school and district leaders as new information is available. In the interim, please review the most up to date guidance on the COVID-19 pandemic from the Department, [here](#), or contact us at CTE.Questions@tn.gov.