

To the History Fair community:

As you know, the COVID-19 pandemic and public health measures taken to combat the coronavirus have created significant disruptions in daily life, particularly in schools. The Chicago Metro History Fair is making significant changes to the remainder of the 2020 contest season in response to these developments.

The remaining History Fair contests for the 2020 season have been converted to Virtual History Fair contests. This includes the Junior Division Regional Contest and the Senior Division Finals.

As the Manager of the Chicago Metro History Fair, I want to assure you of our priorities and commitments throughout this developing situation:

- 1. Ensuring the health and safety of **all** History Fair participants (including volunteers and staff);
- 2. Honoring the research, efforts, and achievements of our participating students through the fair evaluation of their projects by impartial judges;
- 3. Advancing outstanding projects through to Illinois History Day (and from there to National History Day).

CMHF has been in close consultation with Illinois History Day and National History Day, and they are providing valuable support to CMHF through this process. We will continue to share information as it becomes available on our website and social media channels (listed at the bottom of this letter).

Thank you to every member of our History Fair community for your continued patience and understanding in this challenging time.

Sincerely,

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