



AMERICAN LEGION JERSEY BOYS STATE

"A Week That Shapes the Future"

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American Legion Jersey Boys State Coronavirus Pandemic Update #3

We continue to be amid an unprecedented national health crisis. The leadership team at American Legion Jersey Boys State monitors this situation daily. The well-being, health, and safety of our delegates, staff, speakers, and everyone else who supports ALJBS is of the utmost importance to us. We are planning for our 75th annual session to take place, as scheduled, from June 21-26, 2020. As of today, April 2, 2020, ALJBS session is still on, as planned. We continue to work with public health officials, the State of New Jersey, the American Legion, and Rider University to closely monitor how the coronavirus pandemic will affect this year's session.

In the event that we are unable to conduct ALJBS as scheduled from June 21-26, 2020, we are exploring a number of alternatives for our 2020 session. We will inform you on our website, www.aljbs.org if we make a decision to change anything related to this year's planned session.

County orientation meetings are planned to begin in late April. We will make a final decision by April 15th as to whether or not these county orientations will be conducted in-person. Whether or not in-person county orientation meetings are held, we will post a "virtual" county orientation on our website at www.aljbs.org by May 1st. We will also provide a link to enable parents to ask questions about this year's session. Please continue to monitor our website (www.aljbs.org) for the most up-to-date information regarding the status of in-person county orientation meetings.

We expect to post the link to CampDoc for delegates to submit your medical information by April 15th. If you have already completed your application other than your medical information, a link will be emailed to you on or before April 15th. If you have any questions about CampDoc or submitting your medical information, please send them to: medical@aljbs.org.

Should you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us at www.aljbs.org. We greatly appreciate your cooperation as we continue to monitor the coronavirus pandemic and how it could affect American Legion Jersey Boys State.

Once again, the well-being, health, and safety of our delegates, staff, and everyone who supports American Legion Jersey Boys State is of the utmost importance to us.

Post and County Jersey Boys State Chairman Information

We are getting questions from Post Chairman regarding prospective delegate interviews. Our guidance at this time is to NOT conduct in-person interviews under any circumstance for the well-being of yourself, your family, the potential delegates and their family. In lieu of in-person interviews, we suggest either interviewing the delegates individually or in a group setting via Skype, Zoom, Facetime, or a phone call. In the event that may not be possible, we recommend having your delegates complete and return a questionnaire created by utilizing the questions found in our ALJBS Post Chairman SOP (www.aljbs.org/legion). Regardless of how you decide to select your delegates, the respective American Legion Post must make the final delegate selection. Please reach out to us if you have any questions or need assistance.

In the event that this year's session is not held, please rest assured that you will not lose your delegate fees paid for 2020. You will either receive a credit towards the 2021 program or you will receive a refund. Please continue to send in your checks to headquarters as you usually would.

IMPORTANT: We would like to emphasize the importance of selecting delegates to attend this year's session. Selection to attend ALJBS is an honor and is very important to these students. Being selected to ALJBS helps the delegates in the college application process, is important if they are applying to one of the service academies and helps them on their resume for their career. Please continue to move ahead with your delegate selection process.

VERY IMPORTANT: The most important thing that our Post and County Chairman can do right now is stay in touch with your high schools, delegates, and parents keeping them up to date on the status of this year's program. Please give them our website address (www.aljbs.org) and ask them to monitor the website for the most up-to-date information on the status of this year's program and anything related to the program such as the status of in-person county orientations. You should also assure the parents and guardians of your delegates that we will have a comprehensive safety plan, with consultation from public health experts, in place prior to this years' session.

If you have any questions, please contact either President Ted Howarth (856-571-4441) or Executive Director Dave Bagatelle (646-408-1032).