

Good afternoon MATHCOUNTS coordinators,

We appreciate your patience and understanding as the MATHCOUNTS national office has monitored the Coronavirus/COVID-19 outbreak in the U.S. and addressed its effect on MATHCOUNTS competitions. In compliance with the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommendation on March 15, 2020](#) that gatherings of 50 or more people in the U.S. be canceled for the next eight weeks, **the 2020 MATHCOUNTS National Competition originally scheduled for May 9-12 is canceled.** These decisions are never easy, but the safety and well-being of our students, coaches, volunteers and parents are our top priority.

We are deeply saddened to cancel this special event that celebrates our students' accomplishments. We sincerely regret not only the inconvenience this causes for volunteers, participants and their families, but also the incredible disappointment this brings to the entire MATHCOUNTS community. Over the coming weeks, MATHCOUNTS will be working to process National Competition event refunds and identify alternative ways to recognize the students who would have attended the National Competition

We want to take this opportunity to thank you all so much for what you do for MATHCOUNTS students. Although some students in your state are missing their opportunity this year to compete at the National Competition, they each had the fortune of experiencing the excitement of a chapter competition and the honor of competing in your State Competition. Thank you for making that possible for them!

We will also notify the four national qualifiers, their parents and the state coach about the cancellation. In the coming days, you may find yourself fielding questions from participants and their families. **We ask you to defer to the official MATHCOUNTS statement at www.mathcounts.org/nationalcompetition and continue to direct questions to the national office.** This is a sensitive situation, and we want to make sure our entire community is working with the same accurate information.

We hope you and your family are staying safe and healthy during this difficult time.
- the MATHCOUNTS team