



March 27, 2020

Boys State Chairmen, Coordinators and Post Commanders,

The current coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic poses serious health risks, creating unprecedented responses from government and public health authorities and levels of uncertainty throughout the nation. Different parts of the country are seeing different levels of COVID-19 activity. The way in which it may spread and its duration cannot be accurately predicted.

Because of these uncertainties, we have cancelled the 2020 session of American Legion Colorado Boys State that was scheduled for May 30 through June 4, 2020 on the UCCS campus in Colorado Springs.

This decision to cancel our program was a difficult one. It was made with the safety of the boys, our staff and members as its highest priority. We have received notice from National Commander Oxford that the 2020 Boys Nation program has been cancelled, and classes at UCCS have been cancelled through mid-May too.

Our Board of Directors is considering the possibility of including high school seniors as well as juniors in next year's American Legion Colorado Boys State program scheduled for June 5 -11, 2021. We will keep you informed as plans for next year are developed.

Meanwhile, Boys State coordinators and staff are requested to maintain contact and notify all applicants of the cancellation. Any completed registration packets we have on file at department headquarters will be retained for possible use for our 2021 program. If you have received completed packets from any applicant, please forward them to department. Sponsorship fees already submitted will be applied to next year's applicants.

Our Boys State website will be updated with notice of this cancellation and you are encouraged to monitor it for future updates.

Should you have any specific questions, please contact Director Tom Bock at department headquarters 303-366-5201 or on his cell phone 303-912-8906.

Times right now are tough, but we will get through this together. Thank you for your patience, resilience and continued service to The American Legion and Colorado Boys State.

Sincerely,

Max Gross
President
American Legion Colorado Boys State