

# World Health Organization Committee

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Dear Delegates,

Welcome to the 10th iteration of the Moody Middle School Model United Nations! Your co-chairs are Shriya Bandla and Tanvi Nareddy. The WHO is a vital committee within the United Nations. This committee has a mission to direct international efforts in responding to health threats. In this conference, you will put yourself in the position of a country at the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic (March 2020), to make plans and solutions. If this is your first time at a Model UN, don't be scared or nervous. Your chairs are understanding and will provide help along the way.

Shriya Bandla, one of your co-chairs, is an 8th grader and has been involved with Model UN since middle school. She is also the president of the Moody Middle School FBLA club, an avid participant in FLL robotics, Science Club, and a member of the Forensics Team. In her free time, she loves to read, ride her bike, volunteer at different organizations, and play basketball. She is excited to see the creative ideas you bring forth in this committee!

Tanvi Nareddy, your other co-chair, has been participating in Model UN since sixth grade and has participated in various Model UN conferences. At school, she is part of the Cards4Kindness club, the strings orchestra, and competes in science competitions. Away from school, she enjoys playing basketball, doing art, and raising money for different charities. She is more than thrilled to listen to the solutions and debate from the delegates this year!

To be considered for an award, make sure to write a position paper with research about your assigned position and ideas for solutions. It is extremely important that you stay within the perspective and thought process of your country. Make sure to cite your sources and show your own work! Plagiarism is not acceptable. Furthermore, we will be fundraising for this year's charity! So, don't forget to bring money to buy T-shirts, candy grams, or fun treats! If you have any questions please contact your chairs at [hcps-bandlas@henricostudents.org](mailto:hcps-bandlas@henricostudents.org) and [hcps-nareddy@henricostudents.org](mailto:hcps-nareddy@henricostudents.org). We look forward to seeing you at the conference and hearing spirited debate!

Your Chairs,

Shriya Bandla and Tanvi Nareddy

# Committee Overview

## Current Status

### Committee Background

The World Health Organization was established in 1948 and works with almost 200 countries. The committee strives to connect with scientific research and the most recent health developments to ensure everyone can stay as healthy as possible. Whether it is promoting better health practices, providing the resources communities need to stay healthy, or strengthening current health practices, the WHO utilizes its position to upkeep the world's health situation. The committee has worked with donors and NGOs in the past. Many countries and citizens benefit greatly from the WHO's guidance and support. While it cannot control independent government's actions, this committee still provides meaningful advice to countries across the world.

### Topic 1: Covid-19 Pandemic

The first global pandemic since Influenza of 1918, Covid-19 was first reported in December of 2019. It is a strand of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and was detected in Wuhan, China. The WHO declared Covid-19 an official pandemic in early 2020. The highly contagious disease spreads through air droplets. The outbreak of this deadly disease caused chaos and rapid change in billions of lives. It is of utmost priority to efficiently handle and bring a quick end to the pandemic. If not, millions of people will suffer and die. Thus far, the UN has released 2 billion dollars in Covid response, but further actions must be taken. Countries on different continents are quickly starting to report new cases as the virus continues to spread.

## Analysis and Solutions

There are many ways people can prevent the spread of Covid-19. Most importantly, people should stay 6 feet apart, wear masks, and wash their hands frequently. Creating the most balanced guidelines for social gatherings, while still providing a way to communicate well is necessary.

Not only should the spread from human interaction be considered, but also trade and shipping. Travel, both domestic and international, is also a risk factor in which Covid could spread greatly. However, there is an issue with people who are currently in foreign countries and how they will fare until the Pandemic resolves. Deciding when to close travel and how it should be regulated could monumentally change the impact of this virus. As long as routes for international trade are open, the pandemic will not wither. What trade routes should be closed and which can remain open? It is extremely important to consider

this because the implications of trade and travel also impact the economy of different countries.

Another important aspect in the mitigation of Covid-19 is testing and public healthcare response. Access to public testing can prevent people from unknowingly transmitting the disease. Finding an efficient and effective way of providing this service is urgent. Moreover, clinics and hospitals all over the world need to be able to handle the mass numbers Covid-19 patients. Without the right supplies, staff, and machines, communities may fall into disarray. This is especially a concern for smaller communities and towns with large numbers of people living in poverty. Speaking of poverty, keeping the sanitation mitigating the spread for these unfortunate communities is a difficult task that the committee must approach. As the Covid-19 Pandemic dawns upon the world, the WHO

committee is challenged with finding intelligent solutions to end it.

**Questions to Consider** (You may want to answer these in your position paper)

1. What guidelines should the committee set for social distancing and gathering?
2. How should international trade and shipping be regulated or changed? What specific trade routes should be closed?
3. How can the WHO help public Covid-19 testing be more accessible to people?
4. How can we ensure the economies of countries survive as trade and travel is altered?
5. What initiatives and actions can be taken to help poverty ridden communities survive the pandemic as best as possible?

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