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We are saddened that several of our regional tournaments and the State Finals have had to be cancelled based on recommendations from New York State due to COVID-19.

We acknowledge the many hours of work that teams have put into preparing for a tournament, and our job is to support and grow the Odyssey program in New York. Therefore, we are committed to providing an avenue for our New York teams to present their solutions to the best of our ability. Please be patient during this time and know that we are working hard to advocate for our New York OMERs.

**Teams who have not yet competed OR are State Finalists:** Please do not stop practicing or destroy your props, and please stay tuned for our next announcement.

**Officials:** We will hopefully be asking for your help in an alternative capacity in the near future.

**Everyone:** We politely ask for your patience during the next few days. We are an all-volunteer board and are attempting to meet many obligations. As such, we will be prioritizing our responses to emails, so you may not hear an immediate response. Please refrain from speculating about the tournament status on social media - we will share accurate, up-to-date information as soon as we can.

Thank you for your help and consideration!

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