Every year, hundreds of volunteers contribute hours of their time to organize programming and provide support for events to keep kids engaged and learning globally. We are so thankful to our volunteers for sharing their time, talent and ideas with us. In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, START Science would like to share some of the adjustments we are making to our programs and services, as recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO).

The health and safety of our volunteers and community partners is our top priority. As the COVID-19 situation is evolving, we are postponing in-person volunteer activities at this time. Volunteers are not to enter elementary schools or have in-person contact with fellow students and volunteers for the time being. We will be closely monitoring the situation and will provide timely updates as changes to this policy are necessary. For the time being, START Science will be moving to a virtual platform accessible at www.startscience.org. We look forward to navigating these changes with each of you, and are so grateful for your continued support.

In solidarity,

START Science Team
Additional Resources:

World Health Organization Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) advice for the public.

How to avoid getting the Novel Coronavirus:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then immediately throw the tissue in the garbage and wash your hands.
- If you don’t have a tissue, sneeze or cough into your sleeve or arm.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, please contact your doctor if you are experiencing the symptoms below:

- Feeling tired
- Difficulty breathing
- A high temperature and/or fever
- A cough and/or sore throat