

Georgia HOSA Advisors,

We are excited to host our 2025 State Leadership Conference at the Marriott Marquis in Atlanta. As we prepare for our largest event of the year, we want you to be aware of a new security update.

The Marriott Marquis does have onsite security. We will have additional security guards at the hotel to help ensure our attendees feel safe and that students behave in a professional manner. These extra security guards will make sure students are where they need to be, not creating mischief, and that any outsiders are not part of our conference. All attendees do need to wear name badges while around our hotels, when they are not at the hotel, they need to remove them so that their names are not displayed for others to see.

Anyone wanting to attend any portion of the activities of the Georgia HOSA State Leadership event must be registered & paid attendees of the conference. We will defer to your local school systems as to who is allowed to attend events where your students are present.

Please make sure students are chaperoned and escorted any time they leave the hotel. Georgia HOSA recommends a 10:1 ration for students to chaperones. Students should not enter the streets of Atlanta by themselves, without an adult. The Marriott, Hyatt, & Hilton hotels as well as Peachtree Center have food offerings for students and unless you have reservations for meals or activities the students don't even have to go outside, they can access everything through the indoor walkways.

Students should also not enter hotel rooms that are not assigned to them, even if they know the person. Each student should only enter their assigned room. Students should gather in open areas, such as the lobby. An assigned Curfew is set for each evening, students must be in their hotel room by this time. Any students caught in the hallways without an advisor will be sent home.

The city of Atlanta has implemented a new curfew policy. Minors must adhere to a curfew of 11pm- 6am on Weekdays and 12am-6am on Weekends. Georgia HOSA is enlisting Advisors to make students aware of these laws in order to avoid any issues while on-site. Students out after curfew will be disqualified from any competitive event and the school administrator will receive communication from Georgia HOSA on the curfew infraction.

Please talk to your students about safety, staying in groups, and diligently watching others around them. We want to provide a safe environment for all attendees. Also make sure students read over & Submit the Student Participation Form before attending. This form details the kind of behavior we expect from our members and we will not tolerate anything less!

Thank you,

Georgia HOSA Staff