



## 2020 Latin American Space Challenge Official Release #1 - COVID-19

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The **LASC Organization** is monitoring the evolution and spread of the pandemic Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The scenario is worsening week after week with more people being diagnosed. In addition, Governments are enacting lockdowns including the closure of many facilities as schools and universities. The logistics are also being compromised because of the cancellation of flights and the quarantine procedure.

The **2020 LASC** is scheduled to occur on **August 14 - 16, 2020** in **Tatuí, São Paulo, Brazil**. We are five months apart from the event. The present status defined by the LASC Organization is to maintain the 2020 LASC Event.

In the meantime, the **LASC Organization** is working to ensure that *no team is exposed to unnecessary risks*:

1. We are **talking** to the local government and hospitals in the region to understand the *projection* of spread of the disease and the overall situation close to the event date;
2. We are **monitoring** all government actions that impact the development of projects through the *closure of educational institutions* and *limitations on population movement*;
3. We are **studying** a possible postponement of the 2020 LASC Event to a new date - any decision on this postponement will be communicated in the following weeks.

We will keep a constant update on this threat. If you have any questions, please contact the LASC Organization on **lasc@lasc.space**.

### **About Latin American Space Challenge:**

**Latin American Space Challenge** (<http://www.lasc.space>) is a three-day series of events which will set the background and provide structure for the Latin America's largest experimental space engineering competition. Last year, the event had 25 teams, 350 students, and representatives from five different countries.

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