



April 17, 2020

TO: Missouri ALA Units, Secondary School Administrators and Staff, Sponsors, Parents, and Students

**OFFICIAL STATEMENT REGARDING COVID-19 (Coronavirus) AND THE 2020 SESSION OF AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MISSOURI GIRLS STATE**

The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Missouri Girls State program has been actively monitoring developments of the COVID-19 pandemic in conjunction with our host institution, the University of Central Missouri, and our national American Legion Auxiliary office. After careful consideration for the health and safety of our participants and staff, ALA Missouri Girls State has made the decision to cancel our 2020 session which was scheduled for June 21-27, 2020. It has been a difficult decision to make as we prepared for our 79<sup>th</sup> session on the campus of the University of Central Missouri. The rich history of our program includes only two prior session cancellations during the American Legion Auxiliary's 100-year history, with both of these cancellations occurring during the time of World War II.

All registration fees for the selected delegates will be returned to the sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary Units and participating Missouri high schools. We look forward to providing a promising session of government in action in 2021.

Please use our contact information below in order to reach out with additional questions.

With appreciation,

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