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To Manitoba and Saskatchewan Swimming Community:

What an unprecedented time we are experiencing; a challenging time to remain connected, while bring apart. We are in this together.

Thank you, clubs and coaches, for all your efforts to step “outside the box” and implement creative ideas to keep our swimming family engaged and connected.

Swim Manitoba and Swim Saskatchewan are committed to keeping our swimming community membership healthy and safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, and it is with heavy heart that we have made the decision to cancel July ManSask.

This decision was made after the “*Re-Open Saskatchewan*” plan announced by the Saskatchewan Premier, yesterday as well as communication with the Medical Health Officer for Regina of the Saskatchewan Health Authority.

What we know is that swimming pools in Saskatchewan can open in Phase 4 of the “*Re-Open Saskatchewan*” plan, however the Phase 4 still has a limited mass gathering number of only 30. We also know that the governments are still strongly discouraging non-essential inter-provincial as well as limiting travel within a province. What we don't know is what the date of Phase 4 will be.

We understand that this news is somewhat disheartening to the athletes, but I am sure not totally unexpected. Our number one priority is the healthy and safety of the swimmers, coach's and officials.

We look forward to when our swimming pools open again and to the 2020/2021 season; until then everyone please stay safe and stay healthy.

Please feel free to reach out directly with questions you may have to either Marj or Brian.

Yours in swimming,

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