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## **Swim Saskatchewan Statement – Preparedness for COVID-19**

At the time of this communication, Swim Saskatchewan provides the following direction to our membership. *(We encourage you to please share this communication with your club membership):*

As you are all keenly aware the COVID-19 virus has become an increasing public concern. The health, safety and well-being of our members is a top priority and we are following the lead of Canadian public health authorities at this important time to do our part to delay/reduce the spread of the virus in our communities and medical systems.

Swim Sask is committed to working with our various partners and stakeholders to monitor the situation from both a medical and business perspective.

*It is important to remember that “at this time, the Public Health Agency of Canada has assessed the public health risk associated with COVID-19 as **low** for the general population, but this could change quickly.”*

Please be advised the **effective immediately, and as per Swimming Canada direction, all sanctioned competitions between now and April 20 are cancelled. In addition, Swim Saskatchewan is cancelling all other events and activities, which includes the following:**

- Saskatoon Lasers Time Trial – March 21, 2020
- Swimming Canada Trials – March 30 to April 5, 2020 - \*Cancelled for the original dates\*
- Swift Current Barracuda's Invitational - April 4, 2020
- NCCP Swimming 101 Course; Humboldt – April 10-12, 2020
- Swimming Canada Eastern and Western Championships – April 16 – 19, 2020

NOTE: Master and Senior Officials meeting – March 28, 2020 originally to be held via video conference between Regina and Saskatoon board rooms will now be held via **teleconference**. \*\*

Other events that have been cancelled or postponed by our partner agencies that impact our members include:

- NAIG Swim Team Camp #1 - POSTPONED
- Sask Sport Awards –CANCELLED
- NAIG Coach and Coordinator Symposium – POSTPONED

## **Club Training**

Clubs may decide to continue training and must follow provincial, municipal and facility regulations with the goal to prioritize the health and wellness of all members. This includes ensuring appropriate social distancing measures with the goal of reducing transmission of COVID-19. Please contact your facility and your local Public Health office –

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/health/public-health/public-health-offices>





## Travel outside of Canada for clubs/teams

As per the Chief Medical Officer for the Government of Canada recommends avoiding all non-essential travel outside of Canada until further notice.

Swim Sask remains committed to working with our clubs and ensuring information that may have an impact to our membership or impact to club operations is communicated in a timely manner.

### **For more information, please review:**

- Government of Saskatchewan: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus>
- Public Health Agency of Canada: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>
- World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Please remember we can all do our part to reduce transmission through proper hygiene and social distancing including:

- **Staying home if you are sick (self isolate)**, until you no longer have symptoms
- **Change your regular greetings**. Instead of a handshake or a hug, a friendly wave or elbow bump is less likely to expose you to respiratory viruses.
- **Practice frequent hand washing** and hand hygiene, as well as cough/sneeze etiquette. Wash hands for 20 seconds (encourage your children to sing Happy Birthday or slowly recite the ABC's to themselves while washing hands).
- **Avoid sharing** water bottles.

Swim Sask is committed to updating our membership as we receive any new/important information or information related to or that may impact our membership and Swim Sask Provincial activities.

Please feel free to reach out directly with questions you may

Kind regards,

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