

Dear WSC Swim Lesson Families,

We find ourselves in uncharted territory. Our world has been turned upside down by the novel Corona virus. It touches all of us and Wichita Swim Club is no different. With today's Sedgwick County Health Department Stay at Home order, it leaves WSC in a tenuous position in terms of closing our doors for the swim lessons we have planned starting April 6th. Board members and staff met today to review our options while the commissioners' order is in place.

We communicated with you recently with a plan to hold lessons starting April 6th, limited to four children per lesson, structured in such a way as to abide by social distancing guidelines, which will maximize safety and minimize exposure. With summer right around the corner, we know how important it is for your children to learn lifesaving swimming skills. However, the Stay at Home order that was issued today, leaves us uncertain as to whether we can move forward with that plan. We are seeking input from officials from the Sedgwick County Health Department to help us make that determination and hope to have an answer for you soon. Should that fail, we will be closed for the next 30 days in accordance with the Stay at Home order. During that time, we are making an urgent plea to all of our lesson families. Wichita Swim Club's monthly expenses average about \$20,000 per month. This includes utilities to maintain the pool and salaries for our staff who depend on their paychecks to feed their families and keep a roof over their heads. Those expenses are paid through the revenue generated from monthly billings. If you are able, please consider paying the full amount of your monthly billing. If the pool is closed, it will be considered a tax deductible donation since we are a non-profit and there will be no services received. We understand that for many families, the Stay at Home order is as detrimental to the family budget as it is to WSC's budget. If you cannot pay the full amount, could you please consider paying 80 percent of the amount? We also understand if your family has been impacted financially in a major way and needs to re-evaluate lessons at this time. Please feel free to reach out to us personally and let us know how we can serve you best in this time of need. If we all work together and do what we can to collectively shoulder the burden, we will get through this with our swim family intact. We are, after all, more than a club at WSC, we are a swim family and family stays together and takes care of its own. I will reach out to you again when I have an answer from county authorities on whether we can move forward with our April lessons. In the meantime, please continue to practice social distancing, hug your children, and remember there are better days ahead and we will get through this together.

In Health and Safety,

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