



To: American Sokol Units

March 15, 2020

Based on communication from the Governor of Illinois on March 13th, 2020 all schools will be closed effective March 17, 2020 due to the Coronavirus and will extend to a tentative date of March 31st. Many of our Sokol Units are located in states that have been given the same order. Our effort is to stay in communication with you to give you the guidance and support in handling this situation in your Units.

Due to the mandated school closings, we are now asking that you postpone or cancel classes following your local guidelines. We are also recommending that your Units have a specific plan to completely disinfect your facilities and equipment. Once classes are allowed to resume, each District/Unit should have a procedure in place to ensure the safety and cleanliness of the students as well.

We appreciate your understanding and patience. Decisions to close our doors are not taken lightly which has a big impact on our programs and community. Throughout this situation, please stay in close communication with your city officials and continue to follow the guidance from health officials.

We are preparing to post these letters on our website, and would appreciate that you also communicate with your families to be sure that they know American Sokol is committed to the health and safety of our athletes, coaches and families.

We will continue to communicate with you as things progress.

Some resources that may be helpful include:

- CDC advice: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention-treatment.html>
- WHO Advice: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>
- WHO's Guidelines for Mass Gatherings: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/mass->
- ☑ WHO's Hand-Washing Steps: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=IisgnbMfKvI>

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