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Dear Waterloo Families,



What a week! And it's only Tuesday morning! Work at Waterloo continues as we make some repairs to the training pool and spiffy up the place. We encourage you to check out our Facebook page to see pictures.

Like all of you, Gwyn and I have been following the Covid-19 situation. All of the local public schools are closed for at least the next two weeks. We anticipate Travis county ordering all events over 50 people to be cancelled, as recommended by the CDC. This order does not apply to Waterloo as it is a private business sector, but we have made the difficult decision to partially close Waterloo Swimming. **We will be closing all regular programming, but will have limited options for those who still want to swim.**

We truly believe that our pools are a safe place to swim and that swimming is a great way to stay healthy. While we will be closed for general operations, we will be offering options for you or your children to swim in limited numbers.

What does this mean?

- **All Current Waterloo families** will receive credit for March 23 through March 31 on their account for future programming.
 - **Masters & Swim Team** will receive a separate email regarding limited training options during this time period. You will need to opt-in to our "Extended Spring Break" training.
 - **Swim Lessons** will receive a separate email regarding limited lesson options during this time period. You will need to enroll in our "Extended Spring Break" Lessons.
- If you would prefer to **drop until you are ready to return**, please contact us as soon as possible at info@waterlooswimming.com. We will withdraw you from your current program and you will have credit on your account for future use. The credit will be valid for one year.
- If you want to **keep your classes for when we're able to reopen**, you do not need to do anything at this time.

As a small family business, this decision was not made lightly. We will be impacted by tens of thousands of dollars just over these couple of weeks. Paying off the pool and all of our other bills must continue and we are working hard to be able to compensate our staff during this time. We value them and want to give them stability during these uncertain times.

We also value you and your family's health, so we hope that these steps will help serve you and our community in "flattening the curve."

If you are interested in swimming options, please be on the lookout for emails to come. Everyone stay safe and stay healthy. We will keep you posted over the next few weeks.

Sincerely,

Mike and Gwyn Varozza
Waterloo Swimming

**** As previously communicated ****

We are continue to follow CDC guidelines to minimize the spread of all germs at our facility. We have nightly cleanings of the restrooms and we have increased our frequency for disinfecting tables, door handles, chairs, restroom surfaces and our front desk. If you are at our facility and want some hand sanitizer, please come to the front desk.

Specifically related to COVID-19, the CDC is stating that "There is no evidence that COVID-19 can be spread to humans through the use of pools and hot tubs. Proper operation, maintenance and disinfection (e.g., with chlorine and bromine) of pools and hot tubs should remove or inactivate the virus that causes COVID-19.*" We test our pool chemicals throughout the day to ensure we are maintaining a safe level of chlorine in the pools. In addition to chlorination, our pool water is filtered and passes through a UV system to further kill germs and bacteria.

Regarding Covid-19, the CDC states: "So far it seems like it's not children. Of the 70,000 cases (in China), only about 2% were in people younger than 19. This seems to be a disease that affects adults. And most seriously older adults. Starting at age 60, there is an increasing risk of disease and the risk increases with age.**"

Recommendations from the CDC to prevent the spread of illness***:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and then throw it away
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 second
- Keep your child at home if sick with ANY illness

* <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/water.html?fbclid=IwAR3qWE7kIfvluOOJydumoGKEOvyt8M3EXrjGlr3dKPvH6ZrcpfwGbb1I7SE>

**<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/t0309-covid-19-update.html>

*** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/checklist.html>