

## Special Olympics Hawaii: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

**Date:** March 17, 2020

**To:** Special Olympics Hawaii athletes, coaches, volunteers, families, and supporters

**Subject:** Cancellation or Postponement of all sports training and competition activities through April 30, 2020

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Dear Special Olympics Friends,

We hope you are all staying healthy! Special Olympics Hawaii appreciates your continued support and flexibility as we all deal with the ongoing challenges presented by the coronavirus. We want to inform you that, with direction from Special Olympics International, and following CDC, state and county directives, **Special Olympics Hawaii is suspending and/or canceling all sports training and competition activities involving our athletes through April 30, 2020.**

Therefore,

- All practices are canceled through the end of April.
- All competitions are canceled through the end of April.
- All Holoholo walking clubs and Toastmasters meetings are canceled through the end of April.
- Unified Champion School activities will still be determined by the Dept. of Education and/or their respective school(s).
- All Torch Run and fundraising events scheduled for March and April are postponed and will be scheduled, if possible, later in the year.

No decisions have been made at this time for events scheduled in May, including the State Summer Games, State Torch Run, and Cheer for Champions events. We will make determinations on these events in the near future and not later than the end of March. We are continuing to monitor the situation on a day-by-day basis & we are consulting with Special Olympics International, our local programs, and public health officials for further direction and input. We will provide ongoing updates as more information becomes available. All information will be posted to our website at <http://sohawaii.org/>.

Please follow all recommendations to prevent the spread of the virus and to protect yourself. Wash your hands often, use hand sanitizer, avoid high-fives, avoid handshakes, and avoid contact with your face. Try to stay healthy by getting enough sleep, exercising, and staying hydrated.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to ensure the safety of our athletes and all constituents within the SOHI community.

Please see the following links for more information.

SOI - <https://www.specialolympics.org/stories/news/coronavirus-outbreak-what-you-need-to-know>

CDC - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>



HI Dept. of Health - <https://health.hawaii.gov/docd/advisories/novel-coronavirus-2019/>

Thank you for your ongoing dedication and support of Special Olympics Hawaii.