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Dear Worthington Pool Community:

Spring is always an active and upbeat time for Swiminc, as preparations are made to open the outdoor pool complex during the Memorial Day weekend. We were particularly eager in recent months because we hoped to provide this community a respite from COVID-19, which has upended normal life for all of us.

But after trying our utmost to serve the Worthington Community this summer -- exactly as we have done without interruption since 1954 - the Board of Directors has the sad duty of announcing that the outdoor pools will not open this year. The overriding motivation for this decision is the health and safety of our staff, membership, and community. Similar to the closure of the natatorium in March, we continue to base decisions on data, guidelines and orders from Gov. DeWine and the State's Department of Health. We continue to monitor the guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Department of Health, and the aquatics industry to ensure that, when we can open our facilities, we have policies in place to keep our staff, membership and teams safe.

As you can imagine, planning the operations of a public pool is a challenge in this COVID-19 environment as circumstances change often and quickly - but it's clear that social distancing will be part of life in the Worthington community for the foreseeable future. Adhering to official guidelines for social distancing for public pools -- guidelines that are new this year and are still a work in progress -- would escalate our operating costs while reducing our facility capacity by as much as 50%.

Because we are a non-profit organization supported solely by our membership and School District activities - the prospect of a summer without the pool is devastating. The revenue streams we normally start receiving during the spring membership drive have been drastically reduced, to say the least. To this point - due to closure of our outdoor facilities - all summer memberships that have been purchased already will be refunded.

Our talented staff has worked diligently to continue to keep the opportunities open for our short-term and long-term commitments to our community. The Board has been working hard to plan for an uncertain future with our outdoor pools, programs/events, and associated aquatic team's seasons. Our goal is to be good stewards of your investments and responsible to our staff who has long provided you a place to relax, play, train, and compete.

These are trying times and the strong connection with our membership and aquatics community has sustained us for over 67 years. We appreciate your thoughts and support as we navigate the challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic that our nation is currently facing. We will post updates on our website when additional information is available to clarify our operations and ability to serve our membership and the Worthington aquatics community.

Stay Healthy; Stay Safe.

Respectfully,

Michael D. Keller
President of the Board of Directors