



March 15, 2020

To All Registered Clubs:

Re: Bahamas Aquatics Communication #1 – Coronavirus

Subsequent to the National Address by the Hon. Prime Minister, Dr. Hubert Minnis, and after subsequent discussion with the Ministry of Youth Sports and Culture, I am writing to advise that swimming practices at public facilities are suspended effective immediately. Further, clubs that use private facilities are also encouraged to discontinue these practices in order to be consistent with the National Mandate issued by the Prime Minister this evening.

I know that you are all very disappointed that we can no longer practice at the BKKAC and other facilities; however, this directive is being made out of an abundance of caution and as one of the steps necessary to control the spread of the Coronavirus. I do hope that this Governmental directive is temporary as our swimmers need some feeling of normalcy during this period, and I promise to keep you current with all information as soon as I learn them.

In summary, all planned swim meets that were sanctioned by Bahamas Aquatics, regardless of location, are suspended and cannot take place, and all practice sessions at public facilities are canceled. Private facilities are encouraged to do the same and it may be necessary for Bahamas Aquatics to issue a directive tomorrow indicating that all registered swimmers should not practice in private facilities.

We all have to do our part to control the spread of this global pandemic, the Coronavirus, and I ask for your support in ensuring that the Government's mandate is invariably followed.

Yours in swimming,

Algernon Cargill
President, Bahamas Aquatics