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Statement on Coronavirus COVID-19

The staff members of Pekin Park District and IRVSRA.ORG continue to watch the coronavirus situation closely. The health and safety of our citizens is our primary concern as we evaluate the continual operation of each event, program, and facility. We will continue to clean and disinfect our facilities and equipment as we always have and reinforce our standard best practice health and hygiene procedures with staff. We ask our patrons and participants to practice basic illness transmission preventive measures such as frequent hand washing and staying home if symptoms of illness or fever are present. We will continue to look to the Tazewell County Health Department and the CDC for updates and instructions and be ready to act if needed.

***Update: 3/12/2020 3:45pm: No Special Olympics until March 31, 2020**

IRVSRA has halted all programming and activities associated with Special Olympics Illinois in compliance with their decision to suspend all activities involving athletes. This includes practices, games, meets, play days, and tournaments for the month of March.

“Due to concerns related to the spread of the Coronavirus, and from the guidance of Special Olympics International, Special Olympics Illinois has made the difficult decision to suspend all sport, training and competition activities involving all athletes through March 31, 2020, at which time the situation will be reevaluated. The safety and concern of the athletes and volunteers is the organization’s top priority.” – www.soill.org

***Update: 3/13/2020 1:15pm: All IRVSRA PROGRAMMING NOW SUSPENDED**

IRVSRA has suspended all programming, activities, and sports for the month of March. This includes all sports activities, dances, movie outings, camps, instructional classes, and parties. Check back as we get closer to March 31, 2020, at which time we will reevaluate the situation. Those registered for programs with start and end dates during this suspension will be dropped and receive refunds as account credits.

***Update: 3/20/2020 5:00pm: IRVSRA OFFICE CLOSED**

IRVSRA has now suspended open office hours. Effective immediately the IRVSRA office will close to the public until further notice. This includes an indefinite extension to the previous suspension of all IRVSRA programming as well. IRVSRA Staff can still be reached via phone, email, and social media during business hours: 10a-5p: Mon-Fri. Stay well and check back in the coming weeks as we reevaluate steps to return to normality with the guidance of local and world health organizations as well as local, state, and federal governments.

***Update: 4/1/2020 12:00pm: IRVSRA OFFICE & PROGRAMMING REMAIN CLOSED**

Special Olympics Illinois (www.soill.org) has suspended all Special Olympic practices, games, tournaments, and events involving athletes NOW THROUGH May 31. All IRVSRA SOILL sport programming is also on hold until SOILL reopens athlete activity.

Gov. Pritzker’s stay-at-home order now extends through April 30. Therefore, our office and programs suspension will follow. This cancels all programming that was set to start in April. April registrations will be dropped and refunded as account credits, which can be applied towards future registrations. IRVSRA Staff is happy to answer any specific questions. We can still be reached via phone, email, and social media during business hours: 10a-5p: Mon-Fri. Stay well and check back later this month. As we near the end of April, we will reevaluate steps to return to normality with the guidance of local and world health organizations as well as local, state, and federal governments.

NOTE: We are not aware of any confirmed cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) with any IRVSRA Participants. We are simply trying to adjust our actions and precautionary measures in concurrence with Government Mandates also looking to the Tazewell County Health Department and CDC for updates and instructions.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Stay well,
- **IRVSRA STAFF**