

**Special
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Connecticut



Because the health and well-being of our athletes, volunteers, family members and friends is paramount, we've made the very difficult decision to cancel our Summer Games, scheduled to take place in Fairfield County, June 12th - 14th. The challenges and uncertainty that the coronavirus (COVID-19) has presented make it impossible to organize, plan and proceed, as well as partner with those in the community we rely on to make the event possible.

This week, Special Olympics International (SOI) announced that Special Olympics programs should cancel all in-person events and activities through May 31, 2020, at which point the situation will be reassessed and further guidance provided. In compliance with this request, as well as to abide by restrictions and recommendations from the CDC, Federal Government and State Government, we are also canceling all sports training and practices (organized by our Special Olympics Local Programs and state office), events and fundraisers through May 31st. At that time, we will provide further guidance.

To keep members of our staff and their families safe and healthy, our office will be closed next week. It will reopen on Monday, March 30th at 8 a.m.

As you know, coronavirus (COVID-19) is changing our lives in ways we never experienced or could have imagined. Although we're saddened, we're looking forward to the time when we can resume holding events for our athletes and collaborating with our partners and friends in the community. We're also excited to roll out a program to engage our athletes in staying active and fit while at home through social media beginning next week.

Thank you for your understanding. Please know how much we appreciate your continued support and confidence in us to provide life-changing programs and, above all, stay safe and well.

Sincerely,

Beau Doherty
President, Special Olympics Connecticut