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FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Junior Lifeguard Families,

RE: PROCEDURES FOR 2020 MODIFIED JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM

Hello Junior Lifeguard Program participants and family members! The Fire Department in conjunction with our Marine Safety Division have been hard at work designing the curriculum and guidelines for the program which begins Monday, July 6th. Although there have been some new closures for the upcoming weekend, we are still planning on beginning the program on Monday.

There are several updates about the program in regard to the current guidelines we will have in place for participants and family members:

- Check In / Check Out procedures have been designed to minimize mixing of divisions and will require the use of a face cover while moving through the process.
- The daily activities have been designed to adhere to California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidelines. This will include social distancing, absence of physical contact amongst staff and participants and disinfection of any equipment used between each participant. A detailed cleaning will be done at the conclusion of each day as well.
- Restroom facilities dedicated for the Junior Guard Program will be on site and available for use only by participants and instructors only. These facilities will be cleaned and disinfected throughout each day and secured overnight.
- Junior Guard instructors will be tested for COVID-19 on a weekly basis throughout the program. They will also participate in daily health screenings and temperature monitoring.
- Junior Guard instructors will be given a health guidance and safety course during their academy instruction to ensure compliance with CDPH guidelines.

Our Administrative Emergency Medical Services Captain, Justin Fleming, has been assigned to the program to supervise and monitor the health and safety of all participants and instructors. Captain Fleming was assigned to the EMS Unit at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in California and has served the Fire Department in several different COVID-19 related areas. He will be available throughout the program to address any health or safety concerns for participants.

Another large component that will ensure success of the program this year involves a level of personal responsibility on the part of the participants and their immediate families. It appears COVID-19 cases are on a steady increase in Orange County and it is imperative that everyone continue following current CDPH Guidelines and make it a point to avoid any potential high risk situations which could result in a potential exposure. With hundreds of participants, we should all be doing our best to adhere to current guidelines, practice good hygiene and communicate any potential illnesses

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or exposures to the program immediately so that an evaluation can be conducted and proper safety protocols initiated.

Due to the dynamic nature of the current pandemic and the quickly changing regulations we have seen thus far, we ask that families remain patient and continue to be understanding as we work through the current and any future regulations that may affect the Junior Lifeguard program.

We all desire a safe and successful program this summer. The Huntington Beach Fire Department and Marine Safety Division are dedicated to the safety and health of everyone involved, while still maintaining the mission, values and integrity of the program. We thank you for participating in the Huntington Beach Junior Lifeguard program and look forward to working with all of you over the next 6 weeks.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out the Junior Lifeguard program staff at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'SMH', followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Scott M. Haberle
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