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Junior Lifeguard Families,

RE: REGISTRATION AND PROGRAM STATUS UPDATE FOR THE 2021 JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM

I wanted to take the opportunity to reach out to our Junior Lifeguard families and provide an update as we move closer to our 2021 summer program. First, I would like to thank everyone for your support and participation in our modified COVID-19 program last year. The pandemic has forced all of us to address unprecedented challenges, but with your support, we were able to offer this incredibly important program in the midst of a once-in-a-generation public health event. And we did it in a manner that will certainly add to the lasting legacy of the Huntington Beach City Junior Lifeguards. Thank you for the role you played in helping achieve that tremendous outcome.

During the past few months, our staff has been working to plan for the upcoming 2021 summer program. While the COVID-19 pandemic situation continues to remain dynamic, current trends are positive, and we are optimistic that the program will return to a more normal operation this coming summer.

Based on our current efforts to date, our goal is to open registration for the 2021 program in late March- early April. This is delayed from our traditional registration period, however, in an effort to better track pandemic-related developments and assess those impacts on the overall program this summer, we are delaying the registration period to facilitate additional time for our staff to develop proper protocols that match with the current pandemic situation. Those decisions will drive enrollment caps for both our students and instructors.

These possible program changes are now being refined, and we anticipate having additional information that we can share with everyone in the coming weeks. In the meantime, we want to thank you for your continued support and patience. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at Emccoy@surfcity-hb.org.

Sincerely,

Eric McCoy
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