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## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Scott M. Haberle  
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Junior Lifeguard Families,

### RE: RECENT ORANGE COUNTY PRESS RELEASE REGARDING YOUTH SPORTS

On July 8, 2020 the Orange County Department of Health issued a press release titled *Youth Sports Practices Postponed in Orange County Due to New State Guidance*. The press release pertained to youth sports programs who were using the current guidance document from the California Department of Public Health titled *COVID 19 Industry Guidance: Day Camps*.

We have received multiple questions in regard to the current Junior Lifeguard program seeking to understand if this new press release has any impact on the 2020 program. At this time, we feel comfortable that the current program and all of the safety precautions we have put into place to include the student to instructor ratio, use of face coverings and added personal hygiene are all well within or exceeding the guidance document issued from the California Department of Public Health.

At this time, the program is scheduled to continue as planned and we do not anticipate any changes or cancellation.

As you all know, the COVID situation is very dynamic and we appreciate all of your patience and understanding as we navigate the current and any new guidelines, regulations or orders that are issued from the County or State.

If any updates or changes are received, we will communicate them to the families and work as a team to ensure a safe and successful 2020 Junior Lifeguard season.

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

Sincerely,

Scott M. Haberle  
Fire Chief