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RE NAC/Makapo COVID-19 Update

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On behalf of the Board of Directors, I'd like to wish all of you, our Makapo Ohana, the warmest Aloha. As we continue to collectively work through the challenges of the COVID19 Pandemic, the Board hopes all of you are keeping safe and are doing the best that you possibly can in the face of a medical and economic situation beyond our wildest imaginations.

Our partner, the Newport Aquatic Center, has been working hard with the City of Newport Beach to begin a reopening of the facilities. Currently, adult members who own their own craft are allowed to enter the boathouse and take their craft out. All the recommendations made by state and local government agencies are in effect and members are asked to practice social distancing and wear a face covering. As more and more safeguards are put into place, utilization of the NAC can increase. Makapo hopes that this process goes smoothly and looks forward to more progress.

Makapo's success has always relied on the physical and emotional connections we make every time we come together. But, based on the science behind the COVID19 pandemic, we are not able to run these programs without endangering our Ohana. Therefore, Makapo's paddling programs at the NAC are still on an INDEFINITE HOLD. Makapo equipment will continue to be unavailable for use by any Makapo member, staff, or volunteer. We understand that this is a huge disappointment for all of us. However, we should take pride in putting each other's health and wellbeing at the top of our Ohana's priorities. Soon, we will be able to paddle again together, and I look forward to that day very much.

In closing, should you need anything or have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We will do everything we can to connect you with the resources and/or answers you need.

Sincerely,

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