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Aloha Makapo Ohana,

As agencies on the state, county, and local levels make decisions on how to handle the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Directors discussed earlier this morning on how we as an organization can do our part in dealing with the situation. Our concern was not only to keep everyone associated with Makapo safe and healthy but to also show our support for the groups and organizations with whom we partner to deliver our programs.

We have decided to suspend all programming until April 1. On that date, the Board will discuss the current situation of the outbreak and the solutions other agencies and groups are taking with the goal of either resuming programming or continuing the suspension.

Similarly, the Newport Aquatic Center has suspended programming until April 1. The only craft that will be allowed to be used by members are personal water craft stored at the NAC.

For now, Makapo urges all of our Ohana to do their due diligence to protect themselves and others by following suggestions put out by the CDC and local health agencies. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either your coach or me at any time. And if we don't have an answer to your question, we will work to connect you with someone who does.

I hope this letter helps bring some clarity to the unique puzzle each and every member of our Ohana is trying to solve at this time. And I know that by staying calm, informed, and compassionate we will all be on the water together at some point.

Me ke aloha pumehana,
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