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**Memo:** Communication Advisory #2 - COVID-19  
**From:** Michael Greek, CEO  
**To:** All SONS Constituents

Dear SONS Athletes, families, volunteers and supporters,

We wanted to touch base and provide you with an update on Special Olympics Nova Scotia and the impact the COVID 19 pandemic has had on our organization. Much has changed since we made the decision to suspend all of our sport programs, competitions, fundraising, and related activities on March 13<sup>th</sup>. One thing that has not changed is that we will continue to follow the guidelines and advice provided by Nova Scotia Public Health and ask you to do the same. <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/>.

We have seen daily, the tremendous leadership and commitment of our Premier, Hon. Stephen McNeil and the Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Robert Strang providing Nova Scotian's with great confidence in our approach to surviving this unprecedented health emergency. When they say "**Stay the Blazes Home**" they mean it, and it is working.

For Special Olympics NS, this has allowed us to meet as a team using new technology and developing "**At Home**" programming within the Special Olympics Movement worldwide. We are pleased to promote several programs and activities for all ages. Visit our website at <https://www.specialolympicsns.ca/covid-19-athlete-resources/>.

During March, we, unfortunately, had to cancel or suspend several key fundraising events. MotionballU at Acadia, Dalhousie, ST FX, and St Mary's Universities were unfortunately cancelled. We thank those leaders and fellow students for their preparation. We will be back again next year. Nova Scotia LETR's Polar Plunge has been postponed and a new date will be announced in due course.

Please stay in touch and continue to follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/SpecialONS> Globally, Special Olympics continues to provide leadership in key areas of health and community. <https://www.facebook.com/SpecialOlympics> <https://www.facebook.com/sonorthamerica>

Remember to reach out to your family and friends. Give a virtual wave, call to say hello, FaceTime with your friends but most importantly **Stay at Home, Stay Safe and Wash Your Hands**.

Thanks for your understanding and ongoing support of Special Olympics.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MG' or similar initials.

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