Due to recent developments tied to the global spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and the heightened risks for people with intellectual disabilities and the elderly, **Special Olympics Mississippi is suspending ALL sports trainings/practices, competitions and other activities involving our athletes through March 31, 2020**, at which time the situation will be reevaluated.

**At this time, there is 1 presumptive positive cases of Coronavirus in Mississippi.** Special Olympics Mississippi Staff are monitoring status of Coronavirus cases and we will keep you updated as new information becomes available. The Mississippi Department of Health (MSDH) is the lead agency for the State’s response to COVID-19. They are working closely with public health departments across the state on coordinating and communicating about any needed response.

**Your health and safety are top priority,** as well as the health and safety of the Special Olympics Mississippi community. **Please refer to this page of the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention website for all tips.**

While canceling events is truly disappointing for athletes who have trained for months to compete—as well as for the volunteers, family, friends and our staff and board who support them and look forward to cheering for them—we know that our love of sport doesn’t compare to the importance of protecting the health and safety of all involved, which will remain our priority.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate this constantly changing environment and strive to make the best decisions for the safety and well-being for our athletes and all constituents across the state.

At this time, we plan on hosting area and state competitions occurring after March 31, 2020 *, including local area competitions and the 2020 Special Olympics Mississippi Summer Games. We will continue to monitor the situation and update you regarding our events.