



SOTN Coronavirus Statement

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Special Olympics Tennessee is extending the suspension of all in-person events—including training, competitions, and travel through September 30, 2020. The health and safety of our athletes, volunteers, staff and the community remains our top priority. We continue to be in close contact with the CDC, World Health Organization, and other stakeholders in similar situations to make informed decisions so the Special Olympics movement can adjust accordingly. This decision has been made using evidence available at this time—including emerging data showing elevated risk for people with intellectual disabilities developing serious illness if they contract coronavirus.

This date is fluid and may be adjusted as needed based on the status of the pandemic in Tennessee.

This extension of the suspension of in-person events includes local, state, and regional events scheduled during this time. We will provide our programs with information about the potential rescheduling of state and regional events as that information becomes available. **This suspension also applies to fundraising activities involving Special Olympics athletes. Fundraising activities that do not include Special Olympics athletes must be approved by the SOTN state office if they are scheduled to take place during this suspension.**

We will continue to host virtual fitness challenges, fitness trainings, coaches trainings, virtual games, mental exercises, athlete leadership trainings and provide online resources for athletes to remain active and engaged during this time. Stay in touch by visiting @SpecialOlympicsTN on Facebook or www.specialolympicstn.org for more information. The state staff is currently preparing for a **2020 Fall Games @ Home** and information on the virtual games will be distributed in the very near future.

Thank you and please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have questions.

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