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From: President

TO: Affiliate Presidents
Affiliate Secretaries

CC: SSA Executive Committee Members
Committee Convenors

RE: **CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19) – SSA ACTIVITIES UPDATE 2**

A. Cometh the hour, cometh the man...

Monday night's decision by President Ramaphosa will go down as a defining moment in our countries history. In his words:

*"This is a decisive measure to **save millions of South Africans** from infection and save the lives of hundreds of thousands of people. While this measure will have a considerable impact on people's livelihoods, on the life of our society and on our economy, **the human cost of delaying this action would be far, far greater.**"*

It demonstrates that when push comes to shove, the value of human life triumphs above all!

In his speech, the President declared that from midnight on Thursday, 26 March 2020, South Africa would go into a national lockdown to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus. The shutdown will last for 21 days and during that time, all businesses other than a list of essential services, must shut down.

B. Swimming South Africa's role in this crisis

As a stakeholder in the Sports and health industry, Swimming South Africa provides essential services on a daily basis to our Athletes, Affiliates and Stakeholders, and is therefore compelled to honour the Locked Down and implement the restrictions imposed by the President during the 21 days. The COVID is not just a South African crisis it is affecting the

entire world. As Swimming South Africa members, it is more important now than ever that we come together to fulfil our country's vision of:

“Creating a South Africa for all contributing towards a healthier nation”

As a fellow South African, and as your leader of an organisation that want to make a positive difference, I call upon you to play your role as a Swimming South Africa member to assist our fellow South African's and Sport, Entertainment and health sector to collaboratively and collectively overcome this crisis.

As our President has stated:

“For we are a nation at one, and we will surely prevail.

May God protect our people.

Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika. Morena boloka setjhaba sa heso.

God seën Suid-Afrika. God bless South Africa.

Mudzimu fhatutshedza Afurika. Hosi katekisa Afrika.”

Our future and the lives of many South Africans will depend on how we act now!

Yours Sincerely



Alan A Fritz

President

Swimming South Africa