



Statement on the COVID – 19 (Coronavirus)

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In regards to COVID – 19 (Coronavirus), TeamSmile continues to monitor information and safety measures through the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO). As always, TeamSmile's primary commitment and focus is the health and safety of our staff, volunteers, patients and sports organizations.

After consultation and a call with our TeamSmile Executive Committee, we have made the informed decision to postpone all programs through the end of April, and will be monitoring the COVID-19 virus situation closely. In addition to the initial five programs that were previously postponed, we are now postponing our TeamSmile programs with the Pittsburgh Pirates, Baltimore Orioles and the Las Vegas Aces. Obviously, this is not an ideal situation, yet we have a responsibility for the safety and welfare of our staff, volunteers, patients and sports organizations.

Our staff has already communicated with the teams, volunteers, schools and sponsors from our programs with the Pirates, Orioles and Aces. Additionally, we will be in communication with the teams, schools, volunteers and sponsors for our scheduled programs in May to determine the viability of those programs. We recognize that this is a very difficult situation for all involved, and these decisions are made with a heavy heart, yet knowing and understanding that they are the right decisions at this time.

We recognize that this is a health threat throughout the country and the world, and we will continue to closely monitor this issue. TeamSmile is confident in the steps we are taking at the moment, and we will continue to make educated and informed decisions for our staff, volunteers, patients, sports organizations and all involved with TeamSmile programs, now and in the future.