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Cancellation of Camp Crystal 2020 Important Message from the President of Childhood Cancer Support Re Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Dear Camp Crystal families, Volunteers & Activity Providers,

Given the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) in Australia and around the world, I am contacting you on behalf of the Central Committee of Management of Childhood Cancer Support regarding Camp Crystal which is to be held on 10-12 April 2020.

As an organisation that relies on regular face-to-face contact with our paediatric oncology families, through family events and activities, managing the risk of coronavirus is critically important. The health, safety and wellbeing of our families, volunteers and staff is our highest priority and we acknowledge our duty of care to ensure that all persons attending our events are provided a safe environment at these events.

Members of the Central Committee of Management have held urgent discussions this week regarding COVID-19 and how this health crisis could impact on our already fragile paediatric oncology community that we support.

It was therefore unanimously agreed by the Central Committee of Management to cancel Camp Crystal 2020 due to the threat of COVID-19 to our families, volunteers, activity providers and staff. We apologise for any inconvenience this decision may have impacted upon you, however, this is not a decision that has been taken lightly. Under the current circumstances regarding this health crisis in Australia and around the world, this decision is the correct one at this time.

Camp Crystal 2020 has seen a record number of registrations and was going to be one of our largest camps yet with almost 40 families registered and more than 100 volunteers attending. All registered families from Camp Crystal 2020 will be automatically eligible to attend Camp Crystal 2021. We will be in contact with you later this year to confirm your booking to camp in 2021. In addition, we will also touch base with our dedicated volunteers and activity providers to seek their availability for Camp Crystal 2021 – we hope you can all join us then.

Queensland Health and the Australian Department of Health are working tirelessly to manage and contain the impact of this virus for Australians and Queenslanders alike. They are regularly updating travel advice as new information emerges.



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I have provided below guidelines from the Department of Health for your information

Health management guidelines

The Australian Department of Health recommends practising good hand, sneeze, and cough hygiene as the best defence against most viruses. This includes

- washing your hands frequently with soap and water, before and after eating, and after going to the toilet
- covering your mouth and nose when you cough and sneeze, dispose of tissues, and use alcohol-based hand sanitiser
- and if unwell, exercise healthy social distancing by avoiding contact with others and staying more than 1.5 meters from people

If you develop symptoms (fever, a cough, sore throat, tiredness or shortness of breath) within 14-days of leaving a country or region that is high-risk, or within 14-days of having contact with a confirmed case, you should arrange to see your doctor for urgent assessment.

Where you can find more information

- For the latest health and travel advice issued by the World Health Organization visit [here](#)
- For the latest information about the coronavirus in Australia visit the Australian Government's Department of Health
- The Australian Government's Smartraveller website also provides advice to Australians considering overseas travel or who have returned from travel feeling unwell
- If you have questions about the coronavirus you can contact your state or territory public health agency or the national virus hotline
 - Coronavirus Health Information Line: 1800 020 080
 - New South Wales: 1300 066 055
 - Queensland: 13HEALTH (13 43 25 84)

I thank you for your support in managing this event and supporting awareness of the additional need for strong health and hygiene practices. The Central Committee of Management and staff of Childhood Cancer Support looks forward to providing family events to our paediatric oncology families when this current health crisis has been resolved.

Yours sincerely

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