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Telluride Adaptive Sports Program (TASP) takes pride in providing high quality therapeutic recreation to individuals with disabilities to promote independence and personal growth. Chief among our priorities is the continued health and safety of clients, volunteers and staff who make our program successful.

Following much deliberation and with careful attention to the evolving healthcare landscape as well as national, state and local recommendations related to the COVID-19 pandemic, TASP is announcing the cancellation of all remaining winter 19/20 lessons and programming. This proactive decision is based on the following;

- Many TASP clients may be at higher risk to contract COVID-19 and can be at higher risk of complications associated with infection.
- This decision will help to minimize possible exposure or transmission within this resort community which could be exacerbated through cross-country travel to get to Telluride.
- Effective operation of our mission brings significant numbers of clients, volunteers and staff in close proximity within our office, risking transmission of the virus, even by an asymptomatic carrier.
- This decision is consistent with CDC guidance (re: "being careful with meetings and travel") and San Miguel County Public Health guidelines (related to limitations in group size).
- This decision is consistent with our mission and values and in the best interest of the TASP community to do our part to minimize and help contain the spread and impact of COVID-19.

It is important to note that we are not aware of any active infections of COVID-19 related to our program or the Telluride area at this time. We are making this difficult decision in an abundance of caution given the current healthcare climate. This decision is meant to ensure the health and safety of our clients, our volunteers and staff. We share the disappointment that many clients may feel at this decision, as our entire organization and community has been built around the goal of serving their needs.

We will be providing refunds to all families and guests for the lessons that are booked from Saturday, March 14th to Sunday, April 5th.

Thank you for understanding and respecting our decision. We look forward to an amazing summer season of outstanding programming and adventure. We can't wait to share our summer schedule with you!!

Respectfully,

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