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Parents and Guardians –

Thank you for choosing the Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) as your provider for youth programs and activities. Typically, PARD begins summer camp registration in February and aquatic programming registration in April. At this time, there remains uncertainty for when in-person programming can safely resume. While the distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine continues to evolve and provide hope for the future, the City of Austin remains in Stage 5 of the local risk declaration and has therefore made the decision to postpone registration for all PARD summer camp and aquatic programs.

At this time, PARD has not determined new registration dates for summer programs. We will notify you when registration dates have been set, and it has been determined which programs and services we can safely offer during summer 2021. PARD will continue to work closely with state and local health authorities to carefully make operational decisions to ensure both the health and safety of all participants, families, and our employees.

In the meantime, PARD continues to offer free virtual lesson plans and activities that your family can access on our YouTube page ([www.youtube.com/austincityparks](https://www.youtube.com/austincityparks)).

Thank you for doing your part to help keep our community safe, and for supporting one another as we navigate this challenge together. For specific actions you can personally take to protect yourself, your family and our community, please visit [AustinTexas.gov/COVID19](https://AustinTexas.gov/COVID19). Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this postponement, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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