To Great Lakes Y Zone Coaches,

The Blue Ash YMCA and the Powel Crosley YMCA are disappointed to inform you that due to international, national, state and local COVID-19 concerns, outside our control, we are canceling the Zone Championship meets scheduled for March 20-22, 2020.

We have reviewed all the information received from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), and in alignment with Ohio Governor DeWine’s order to limit gatherings of large groups of people—both indoors and outdoors.  We know our swimmers have worked hard for several months in anticipation of the Zone 2020 meet, and we share the disappointment with all the athletes. We know that many parents and coaches preferred alternatives, such as running the meet with limited or no spectators, but those options were simply not possible.  The larger health considerations outweighed our ability to run this meet in any capacity in 10 days.

We are not alone in this difficult decision. Championship Swim Meets on the National and LSC levels, planned over the next few weeks have also been canceled. YMCA Nationals, Speedo Sectionals in Federal Way and other LSC JO meets, such as in Southern California and Potomac Valley, have also canceled their meets, with more cancellations being considered.

New information is coming out daily and we will continue to monitor the situation. Thank you for your understanding.

Lastly, still please enter your team into the Zone Meet – We will send the bag tags each swimmer earned! Also, the link to apparel sales is still open and tees and hoodies will still be sold.

We will send out more information to you as it becomes available.