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Regarding COVID-19 update

To all Hoops 4 Christ members, families and supporters,

***“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind”  
2 Timothy 1:7***

*The fear of the unknown has always been daunting, and the WORLD is going through it right now! It's easy to see why everyone is getting worried. All that is reported is gloom and doom. The stock market has crashed and items such as, toilet paper, sanitizers, spam, water (?), etc are flying off the shelves in record numbers! Here comes the end of the world!!! While everyone expects the number of confirmed cases to increase, I believe we should not be fearful! Should we take the necessary precautions, ABSOLUTELY! Taking steps to increase our hygiene (washing hands, not touching our eyes, nose and mouth, avoiding sick people, staying home when you're sick, cleaning/disinfecting high points of contact) should have always been the norm, not the exception!*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:7 states “For God hath NOT given us the spirit of FEAR!” If you've read the Good News, you'll realize that God is in control. Always has been; always will be. Let's use this “opportunity” for our collective spirits to act “of power; of love; and of a sound mind.”*

***Of power:*** *We live in a great nation! We are afforded so many things like technology. Technology can keep us united, connected, and supplied (can you say online shopping?!).*

***Of love:*** *In this off time, look for opportunities to show others care and affection. Don't hug, but write a letter, or maybe buy and drop off a lunch to someone in need.*

***Of a sound mind:*** *Don't go buying cases of spam, allow others to buy some. Share or help one another pick up essentials.*

*For the next two to three weeks, H4C will cease its practices and clinics. We will reassess the situation at the end of March and update you. When we start back up, all of our practices will be held outdoors. Why outdoors? Because reports state that this minimizes the chance of catching the virus. Why hold practice at all? Again, with God, we shouldn't act in fear and having some normalcy will show our players that action.*

*Again, H4C wants you to know, that it is up to each parent to decide if you want to continue practicing. That is totally your choice!*

*As I conclude, I want to share a verse I came across this morning. “When you are harvesting your crops and forgot to bring in a bundle of grain from your field, don’t go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigners, orphans, and widows. Then the Lord your God will bless you in all you do.” Deuteronomy 24:19 NLT. I’d like to challenge each team, to think of others in this situation the world is in. As a team, brainstorm (using technology) ideas of how you can help someone else! Perhaps, make a care package for the elderly or homeless; write letters or messages to those who need a little love or pick me up; or drop off groceries or home made meals to someone. Send me a link to your ideas with pictures, we can post them on the website! Of course, whatever we do, PLEASE follow the recommendations of our leaders and CDC! We will overcome!*

*Finally, should you have any prayer requests, please email me at [darren.wada@gmail.com](mailto:darren.wada@gmail.com) and we will spread that request!*

*On behalf of the Hoops 4 Christ Hawaii Admin Staff, act of power, love and sound mind!*

*Aloha,*

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