



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF THE LOS ANGELES HARBOR

March 13, 2020

Dear Parents,

In an abundance of caution and following today's decision by LAUSD, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor (BGCLAH) will be suspending all in-person programming effective Monday, March 16 in response to the Coronavirus health crisis. You can receive ongoing status reports regarding our organization, sites, and status at [www.bgclaharbor.org](http://www.bgclaharbor.org).

Today, the LAUSD decided to close all schools starting this coming Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, in response to the Coronavirus health crisis. Given the professional expertise of our county's medical establishment, this was the correct decision in terms of safety for students and educators. "Social Distancing" is the guideline for minimally keeping people safe so not allowing children and adults to congregate during this time is most prudent. Therefore, the BGCLAH will follow the lead of our government and medical leaders and in an abundance of caution, and will suspend all in-person programming. This is a most difficult decision but one we must make to keep our children, staff, and the greater community as safe as possible. Therefore, we urge all parents/guardians to immediately pursue alternative arrangements for your child(ren) during this closure period.

Our commitment to keeping the young people we serve safe is always our number one priority – so having to temporarily close has been a most difficult decision. The LAUSD has committed to closing for two weeks AND establishing "Family Resource Centers" which can house children who need a place to go while parents are at work. We will reopen our Boys & Girls Club facilities when the LAUSD schools resume normal instruction. We will be closely monitoring reports from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and our local health department for all updated information. This situation is very fluid and changes will happen quickly. Please continue to monitor [www.bgclaharbor.org](http://www.bgclaharbor.org) for ongoing status reports regarding our organization.

I thank you for your understanding and look forward to the day we can reopen and safely serve your child(ren) once again. God bless and be safe.

Most Sincerely,

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