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## **KEEP UP SWIMMING LESSONS!**

Australian Swim Schools Association CEO, Ross Gage, today urged parents to follow the advice of Australia's Chief Medical Officer, Brendan Murphy to "go about their normal business without fear".

ASSA doesn't want children to unnecessarily miss the development of vital swimming and water safety skills, whilst enjoying the many health-inducing and socialising benefits that accrue.

In this time of uncertainty, Gage went on to say that, "you can be confident that having lessons in properly maintained swim school pools will not result in contracting coronavirus. Leading health authorities around the world recognise that chlorine, the primary disinfectant in swim school pools, kills coronavirus. There is no evidence of spreading in such water; and proper operation should remove or inactivate the virus that causes coronavirus.

Most importantly: **STILL** maintain proper personal hygiene for yourself and your children. ASSA has reminded its Member Swim Schools to be extra vigilant with this; and cleaning in general.

And a plea from Gage to all, "please take special care of the most vulnerable ... the elderly and those with chronic medical conditions. This is another opportunity to stand up as a caring and compassionate society for those most in need."

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R Gage". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ross Gage  
Chief Executive Officer  
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