



Queens Taekwon-Do Center

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Dear Parents and Students:

Again, we have to thank God for one more week surviving these difficult times. The coronavirus is still present, and we cannot let our guard down. We must continue taking the necessary health measures, such as social distancing.

Slowly, by sector, we are returning to a more normal life. Some people have returned to their jobs and this is very promising for our families. Unfortunately, we are classified as a gym / school and we have been left for the last of businesses to open, due to the close proximity of the instructor-student relationship where there is obviously a high possibility of new contagion. We only hope that the government takes some steps soon to resume business, otherwise we will have to change our profession, or continue with our online classes as has become the new norm.

At the moment, we are waiting for the day we can open our school. But we don't know when. Initially, we were told mid-April, then the beginning of May. Now May is almost over and we are still waiting. Once NYC has reached the necessary requirements we will be prepared to open. We are at the point where resources and government incentives have already reached their limit and still present no viable solution. We believe that if there is no solution, we will have to design (as many institutions already have) an online promotion, following classes in the same way, while awaiting a government response.

We only hope that you, as parents and students, support the effort we have made through Zoom. I think we have shown responsibility in maintaining classes and have demonstrated great regard for the difficult situation we are all going through, while supporting as much as possible. Of course, we want to thank again those who have continued participating in classes and collaborating with the school.

As for the regular classes through Zoom, again we congratulate the students who are always punctual; those who are not, we continue to insist on punctuality. It is not just a whim but a discipline first and foremost. This discipline is learned at home and, as parents, we should try to implement it with our children.

We want to remind you that starting Wednesday May 27, we will have sparring for the children's classes on Wednesdays. So the fighting spirit of TKD is not lost, students participating in the 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 classes will use their full sparring equipment, as if in front of a live opponent. Please take note and have all sparring equipment ready.

As always, we take our classes seriously, and we continue to insist our students be serious, too. Each student has an assigned class, which we hope they will abide by, unless authorized to change by the instructor.

Finally, we want to ask students to keep in mind that they are taking the correct distance from the camera. We are still having some students that we only see their upper body, or the ceiling of the house. In order for us to correct, and make the teaching more effective, you must position the camera so that your entire body appears on the screen. Experiment with different ways to raise the camera to a higher position or move it farther away.

We hope you had a joyful Memorial Day with your family, while, of course, taking the necessary precautions. I look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday—punctually, as always.

A hug to all,

Sincerely,

Grand Master Ruben Suarez

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