



Catalina Channel Swimming Federation

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The CCSF is cautiously optimistic about a return to Catalina Channel attempts for 2021.

After the New Year, swimmers may begin applications for 2021 solo and relay swims using the CCSF Portal.

However, we will not accept completed swim applications or payments until we are confident that Catalina Channel attempts can be conducted safely with regard to COVID-19. As always, the safety and well-being of all swimmers, support crews, boat crews, and observers is the first priority of the CCSF.

With that in mind, we are hearing divergent messages in December. The Los Angeles area has had record hospitalizations and the infections continue to mount. Los Angeles County is currently under a Regional Stay at Home Order.

Meanwhile, public health experts predict vaccines that are currently prioritized for healthcare workers will eventually reach the general public in spring. There is no guarantee that the United States will have widespread immunity in the summer of 2021. Depending on the public health status, it may be necessary to delay the start or possibly even cancel the season.

We continue to monitor the situation and meet regularly by teleconference. We hope to be able to make an informed decision by the end of March. We will keep you updated as we respond to developing events.

If you have questions, please send them to help@swimcatalina.org .

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