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Dear MSA Members,

The provincial health authorities confirmed on April 19th, that due to the variants of concern, Manitoba remains in the critical level (red) of the Pandemic Response System and further restrictions are in effect until May 12th, 2021.

The health orders do allow for sport to continue with some restrictions.

The MSA has discussed the current orders with our League Members, Sport Manitoba, and health authorities. After receiving all feedback, the MSA has updated the outdoor protocols and determined:

- In addition to training, Member Organizations may participate in outdoor exhibition games against other organizations starting on April 21st, 2021.
- Member Leagues may start the outdoor competition season on May 1st or later if they need to prepare and finalize details.
- No spectators are permitted at any youth (U9-U18) or senior (U18+) practice, training session, exhibition, or league game for any league or division starting immediately (April 21, 2021).
- Mini soccer players (U3-U8) may be joined at their mini soccer session by a parent that must participate on field in the soccer activity with the player, which follows LTPD expectations.
- Referees will be instructed to only start games when there are no spectators in attendance.
- Coaching staff of both teams will be expected to cooperate with the referee if spectators need to be asked to leave, and it will be the coaches' responsibility to do so.

Indoor protocols remain the same, with the addition of:

- No spectators are permitted at any youth (U9-U18) or senior (U18+) activity starting immediately (April 21, 2021).
- Mini soccer players (U3-U8) may be joined at their mini soccer session by a parent that must participate on field in the soccer activity with the player, which follows LTPD expectations.

We caution our Members that we must adhere to the above to be able to continue to participate. It is critically important that we all realize that these decisions are meant to allow participants to enjoy the sport and receive the physical and mental health benefits important for the well being of the community.

We must also understand that at anytime the provincial health authorities may change the orders forcing us to change course. The MSA will continue to be in contact with the provincial health authorities and will keep the membership informed.

Please be safe and take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Héctor Vergara".

Héctor Vergara
Executive Director

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