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Dear MSA Members,

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and following the provincial health authorities' recommendations announced yesterday, in person sanctioned soccer activities will continue to be suspended in Manitoba until at least January 8th, 2021.

We are hopeful that at that time, the province will be moved into the Orange (restricted) level, and we will be able to return to either Stage 1 or Stage 2 of the Return to Play Guidelines. A reminder that competition will not be allowed to commence until we are in Return to Play Stage 3, which coincides with a provincial health region being in the Yellow (caution) level.

Depending on when the province is moved into the Yellow (caution) level, member leagues would need to evaluate at that time if a shortened indoor season is viable or if other options for competition are better suited.

Provincial health authorities have indicated that restrictions will not be reduced until such time as case numbers, test positivity, and hospitalizations drop in our province. You are all encouraged to continue to work together to assist in reducing the numbers in all these areas.

It is understandable that this is not the indoor season we desired, but the safety of our community is the most important consideration. We continue to encourage our Members to provide virtual solutions to players, coaches, and referees. We commend everyone for the work they have put in thus far to keep their membership engaged.

Thank you for your patience during this difficult time and we hope to see everyone back on the pitch as soon as we are able. We wish everyone a safe and healthy holiday season.

Please be safe.

Héctor Vergara
Executive Director