

# Manitoba Soccer Association Inc.

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Dear MSA Members,

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and based on today's provincial health authorities' announcement that the restrictions will remain in place, in person sanctioned soccer activities will continue to be suspended in Manitoba until at least January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

MSA has been in contact with Member leagues as they have been evaluating if a shortened indoor season is viable or if other options for competition are better suited. The Member Leagues will make announcements on their decision as soon as possible.

We continue to encourage our Members to provide virtual solutions to players, coaches, and referees until we can return to the pitch safely. 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.

Please be safe.

Héctor Vergara  
Executive Director