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## Information Bulletin

**Bulletin #:** IFC2020 – 005  
**Date:** Mar. 13, 2020  
**To:** IFC Membership, Staff  
**CC:** IFC Directors  
**From:** Frank Iaizzo, Athletic Director  
**Subject:** Ontario Soccer suspends indefinitely all sanctioned soccer activities in the province due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Dear Members,

As you know, International FC has been closely monitoring the developing situation around the globe with regards to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Generally, IFC Soccer is following the lead of Canada Soccer, Ontario Soccer, the Government of Canada, the World Health Organization (WHO), and other key stakeholders and experts. Please read below for specific precautionary measures, which are intended to ensure the health and safety of our student-athletes, staff, parents and volunteers.

### **IFC Academy, Grassroots and Camps:**

Yesterday, IFC Soccer canceled a number of scheduled events through April 5<sup>th</sup> or until further notice. This includes, but is not limited to, **Academy Training and Exhibitions; Tournament/Showcase Events; Grassroots Training and Festivals; and March Break Camp.**

### **International Travel:**

Effective immediately, IFC Soccer has temporarily stopped sanctioning any Academy Teams' Applications for Travel abroad until further notice. Among the factors taken into account in making this decision, is the World Health Organization's declaration of COVID-19 as an official pandemic.

### **Recommendations:**

Once again, we encourage our members to consult with local public health officials to make the best decisions for your families and the communities you live in.

Please monitor the [Government of Canada page](#), which has important information about how coronavirus spreads, its symptoms, global locations with COVID-19, travel advisories and more.



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We recognize that today's announcement may be disappointing for players and families, but please know this decision was not made lightly and the safety of our members and staff was top of mind. We will continue to support our members as we get through this uncertain time. Remember that the preventative measures that we take don't just protect yourself and your family. They also go a long way in protecting people around you, in your surrounding communities, who may be more susceptible to COVID-19 and the associated complications.

Thank you for your attentiveness in this matter.

If you have any further questions, please contact [Frank Iazzo, Athletic Director.](#)