



Good evening,

I want to reach out to our entire LVSA family, as we are faced with such a difficult time. It seems as though the state of our world continues to change by the minute, in which we are trying to keep up.

First, and foremost, our concern is for the well-being of our members, families and entire community. The conditions that we are all faced with are filled with anxiety and uncertainty. However, with that being said, I do feel fully confident that we will get through this time and be stronger for it. I also believe that we will need to rely on one another to do so. Although there are so many uncertainties we are faced with, our goal is providing some consistency within the parameters we are given in the soccer community.

Below, I have inserted two paragraphs from our State Soccer Association's Board of Directors. We will continue to update our membership with necessary correspondence in order to keep us all in the loop and on the same page.

NYSA is suspending all soccer activities until further notice. This includes all league games, practices, friendlies, clinics, and any other activities that would cause our players, families, officials and staff to gather in close proximity. We cannot take this lightly. We are also not doing this to simply follow all other organizations, since our standard of care for our youth customers should be higher than that of commercial sports activities. We are suspending all activity because the body of evidence that has presented itself over the past several days suggest that this is the most responsible and, frankly, only rational course to take.

All clubs and leagues will be asked to honor this suspension of activity immediately. We fully realize that this is an unprecedented action, and

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it is not one that we would take without considerable thought. In the end, however, our duty to our customers to provide a safe environment for activity is our preeminent responsibility. We will communicate with you as more information becomes available, and we sincerely appreciate your attention to this matter.

In working within the guidelines to keep everyone safe and healthy, the LVSA Directors have been working throughout the weekend to design an on-line training program to keep our athletes engaged. We continued to work and progress on the program today, and plan to finalize the sessions and have them out to our athletes by Wednesday. Again, our goal is to keep the athletes engaged and active, as much as possible during this uncertain time. We will be communicating with our entire coaching staff to go over the program before we release it to our families and players. This will be a fluid situation, as we will be monitoring our efforts and modifying it as we go.

Please know we are here for you, as we truly do consider LVSA a family. Our office will remain open Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. We continue to stay dedicated and determined to navigate the club as best we can with the conditions we are faced with.

Again, together we will get through this!

Sincerely,

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