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Dear MSA Members,

As we all know these are unprecedented times and it is difficult on everyone involved in our sport. In Manitoba we are fortunate that outdoor games are being played as in many other jurisdictions in Canada it is not the case.

The Manitoba Soccer Association (MSA) is in constant communication with the member organizations and we have been informed that, in many cases, there has been an ongoing lack of adherence to the RTP outdoor protocols related to physical distancing by spectators as required by the provincial health authorities.

After consultation with our Voting Members, Canada Soccer, and Sport Manitoba, the MSA is providing **one last reminder** to our membership that we **MUST all follow the physical distancing** requirements of two meters (6 feet) apart while attending soccer matches.

If this situation does not improve in the next seven days, irrespective of which league, the MSA will support our Member Organizations in mandating further restrictions. These restrictions may be to the extent of not allowing spectators at outdoor senior games, and limited spectators of one guardian per youth player for youth matches.

Although this may seem extreme, the alternative solution is to suspend soccer games for the remainder of the outdoor season. That is a step the MSA and its Member Organizations do not want to implement or be forced to take by the circumstances of non-compliance.

The most important consideration for everyone must be the safety of our players, coaches, referees, and volunteers. It is unfortunate that we are living through this pandemic but that is the reality we must all face and do our part to keep the players playing the game.

As we mentioned in earlier updates, this pandemic is fluid and constantly changing, and decisions will depend on the circumstances at hand.

Please remember that everyone plays a role in the continuation of soccer in Manitoba.

Thank you for doing your part.

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Executive Director

