

PWSI LETTER TO THE MEMBERSHIP

October 28, 2020

Dear PWSI Members,

On behalf of our board and staff, I want to thank you for your continued support, trust and help in providing the safest possible environment for our players to participate. We continue to receive high praise from Prince William County and the Health Department on our protocols and your actions!

Our Mission Statement – Prince William Courage makes meaningful contributions to the community through the game of soccer.

Now, more than ever, this mission has guided us through a difficult time. The data is clear that a return to play significantly improves both physical and perhaps more importantly mental health and well-being. Additionally, the data continues to show risks associated with contracting this virus through soccer is extremely low.

On November 1, we will enter Phase IV of our Return to Play Plan. Originally, our Phase IV was a full return to play without restriction. Unfortunately, that is not yet possible as some restrictions must remain for the safety of our players, coaches, staff, referees and spectators. As a result, we have added Phase V specifically for that day, perhaps months from now, when it is possible to remove all restrictions.

We recognize the expected increase in cases during the late fall and winter months has become reality, but also have a better understanding of the impact of COVID-19, specifically on the youth. Additionally, we have been in constant communication with our colleagues in different parts of the country to better understand how travel in particular has impacted the health of participants and operation of the clubs and leagues.

Given this information we are comfortable taking this next step forward to Phase IV. This decision does not necessarily mean we will return to a "normal" schedule of travel and events as we must also consider the financial and time impacts related to these events, especially considering a continued black-out of recruiting by NCAA Division I coaches and the return of the investment we are asking each family to make. We will continue to monitor "hotspots" and local guidelines in making decisions to travel.

Locally, we will continue to utilize current protocols relating to training and games with only minor modifications. This email also serves as a perfect opportunity to remind our members to continue to follow all protocols, including when visiting other facilities and communities.

We appreciate the efforts of our membership to keep one another safe. Your reporting of any concerns and/or potential exposures have allowed us to be proactive in communicating with teams, isolate players and coaches and maintain general wellness of the group. We ask you to continue to communicate with us and keep anyone experiencing symptoms or with a direct exposure or potential of a direct exposure home.

Sincerely,

Mike Cullina
Executive Director

