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To: All DVHL Families

RE: PA COVID Shutdown

As you all have heard, Governor Wolf has issued an ORDER that includes the shutdown of youth sports from December 12<sup>th</sup> to January 4<sup>th</sup> in PA. Therefore, all DVHL games/practices will now be cancelled, except for the DE home games this weekend at the 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U levels. In an emergency meeting with the clubs today, we began initial discussions on how we will come up with a game plan on going forward that we would like to share with you. The DVHL has every intention of completing our league season. The big question – when would the completion be and how would we get there?

To explain the steps that we need to follow:

- We have been advised that USA Hockey will be announcing at their mid-winter meeting the first week of January what the plans are for holding USA Hockey Nationals for our 14U, 16U and 18U PA/DE teams.
- Once this announcement is made, the Atlantic District will be able to determine their game plan for holding our District tournaments for the teams that will advance to Districts and Nationals.
- Once this announcement is made, the DVHL will be able to determine when we can end our season and hold our playoffs for all of our teams that will advance to Districts and Nationals.

As far as the teams who are not advancing to Districts and Nationals – we will determine if we will push their league season back or not. We need to look at the total number of games required to be played, do we have enough time to play them based on the existing league schedule end date, do we want to keep playing games during the month of March and hold playoffs in April, etc. These are all things that need to be addressed, keeping in mind that we are all hoping to start the season back up on January 4<sup>th</sup> as well as keep in mind that more games may need to be postponed after the January 4<sup>th</sup> start date if teams get quarantined.

We will be holding a meeting, next Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> with the club Presidents/DVHL representatives to come up with new game plans for all of the levels based on the number of games played to date, need to be played, changes to formats, etc. Hopefully, we will be able to finalize the game plan, enjoy the holidays and then start fresh on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

We appreciate your patience while we are working on this. We are proud to announce that with everyone's cooperation, we have successfully completed over 1,900 games since we started in October and we have every intention of moving forward to keep the kids on the ice.

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A member of Atlantic District, USA Hockey

