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Dear Members:

Two (2) Michigan residents tested presumptive positive for the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the first confirmed cases in the State of Michigan. Last night, Governor Whitmer declared a [state of emergency](#) to maximize efforts to assist local governments and officials to slow the spread of the virus.

Also, last night, US Youth Soccer made the decision to cancel [National League matches](#) scheduled in conjunction with the 'Players Showcase' Events scheduled for March 13-15, 2020 (Boys NLC teams) and March 20-22, 2020 (Girls NLC teams) in Las Vegas, NV ([click here for more info](#)).

We recommend that you carefully look at your own programming, including events and travel that require air transportation, and stay in contact with local and state departments of Public Health (e.g. Michigan Department of Health & Human Services) with further questions. We believe these entities will continue to provide you with timely and relevant information on the Coronavirus.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent the Coronavirus. The best ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are the same as preventing the cold and flu, and include:

- Frequently wash your hands with soap and water.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick and contact your healthcare provider.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or upper sleeve when coughing and sneezing.

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Follow the CDC's recommendations for using a facemask.
 - The CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including the Coronavirus.
 - Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms to help prevent the spread of the disease.

COVID-19 symptoms may appear in as few as two (2) days or as long as 14 days after exposure to the virus. They include: fever, cough and shortness of breath.

Please share this information with family, friends, co-workers, etc. Additional resources, communications and updates regarding the Coronavirus can be found at:

[CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Coronavirus website](#)

[Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](#)

[Michigan Department of Health and Human Services](#)

[US Department of State – Bureau of Consular Affairs \(Travel Advisories\)](#)

Future updates on US Youth Soccer or MSYSA programming will be posted on our website and/or shared as timely as possible.

Sincerely,

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