



Dear BYC Families and Community Members:

As previously stated we have been deliberating on the best way to proceed with the season.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic our staff has been extremely busy researching, watching reports, following guidelines, developing plans, and putting actions in place to ensure that we are able to provide the safest environment possible for our families.

With that being said, it is with great regret and a heavy heart that we announce the cancellation of our fall football program. This was not an easy decision to reach. Following the mantra of our organization, "Building today's youth into tomorrow's leaders" we strongly believe we have a moral obligation to set the example for our young student athletes. This course of action will not only help ensure the safety of our players, but will help BYC do our part in mitigating exposure to the community. Any action we can take to protect our community, is the correct action.

We were comfortable with creating a safe environment at our home field for a regular season, after our months of pre-planning. This season we would have had to host more games at our field beyond our own schedule to help other teams that were unable to secure fields of their own. We are not comfortable with the short amount of time we have to be able to develop a controlled environment for so many additional moving parts. We do not want to risk compromising not only our BYC families but all of the participants and families within the county.

We cannot thank the community enough for helping to get us to where we are. Over the last few months, we were able to professionally clean our equipment, develop a COVID action plan, and even survive a flood (with overwhelming community support).

We understand how this will affect everyone and please understand this was not an easy decision for us. Since mid-April, we have made a commitment to stay in front of COVID in sports and take a lead in developing a risk mitigation plan. We had to take a look at our core values and we believe that it was our responsibility to take this stance.

In the coming weeks, as guidance permits, we will begin announcing community events, hosted by BYC and open to all York City Youth.

We are dedicated to returning to activities as soon as we can ensure the safety of our community and families.

Please stay tuned as we begin the celebration of our 75th anniversary year in 2021.

Tino Conquest; BYC President

Jeff Matson; BYC Football Athletic Director

"In the end, it will be impossible to know if we overreacted or did too much, but it will be QUITE apparent if we under reacted or did too little"

~Unknown