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Dear Travel Soccer Families,

The past few weeks have presented challenges unlike any we've ever experienced. We recognize that this pandemic is much larger than sports, and we are aware of the impact this crisis is now having and will continue to have on all of our families over the coming months. We continue to monitor the situation and to make decisions that adhere to the policies and guidelines set forth by federal, state and health authorities to help curb the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus while also making plans to return to the soccer field *stronger* than ever when the time is right.

As you are certainly aware, Governor Northam has mandated a "stay at home order" through June 10th with a clause allowing for a change to an earlier date should conditions in the Commonwealth be deemed safe. This uncertainty puts us all into a state of limbo, making it nearly impossible to make any firm plans. The Travel leagues have NOT canceled their Spring seasons and are still hoping to play games over the summer months. Details are still to come.

GFR would like to look toward the 2020-21 Travel season and will open Travel registration in the next week or so. Please remember that the initial Travel registration is FREE (and REQUIRED for all current and new players wanting to play on a Travel team), so there is no financial obligation until such time as a player accepts a spot on a team. We hope that, in the meantime, more definitive information about field openings will become available, allowing us to determine if/when tryouts can be held.

Please stay tuned for another message announcing the opening of the 2020-21 Travel registration as well as any dates or logistical information that we might have for tryout sessions. In addition, we will keep you informed of any updates or changes in the Travel leagues' plans.

We thank you again for your continued patience and support. We hope everyone is staying safe, healthy, and calm in these unsettling times and that we remain mindful of the most essential things in life -- the well-being of family, friends, and loved ones.

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