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**FDSA Releases first phase of Contingency Plan amid program Suspension due to COVID-19**  
Local Soccer Club registration remains open while details emerge for plan moving forward

**Fredericton, NB:** Today the FDSA has released Phase 1 of its COVID-19 Management Plan to help combat the current restrictions put in place to help slow the curve of the outbreak. Currently, the organization has suspended all programming until further notice in accordance with National and Provincial governing bodies and on the recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer of New Brunswick. In response, the FDSA has assembled a Special Committee tasked to formulate a plan by gathering the most current information and recommendations from Health authorities and Sport industry best practices. The goal of this plan is to best guide the organization's operations, communications and finances as it braces for potential challenges and delays to the upcoming soccer season.

The following are highlights of the FDSA's COVID-19 Management Plan which is posted on its website on a dedicated COVID-19 page:

- **Registrations for 2020 Spring and Summer programming will remain OPEN!**
- Premiership registration deadline extended to Apr 11.
- A comprehensive update on spring & summer program start dates (incl Competitive Tryouts) will be provided APRIL 4<sup>th</sup>

As information becomes available, the plan will evolve with details such as:

- Timelines for future decision/updates
- Guidelines for medical best practices around return to play protocol, player safety and prevention of virus
- Inclusion of Medical Prevention Kit in all team equipment bags and additional precautions at fields/venues
- Guidelines surrounding gathering of groups, team travel and events

For more information, the full plan is available at [www.fdsa.org/COVID-19-updates](http://www.fdsa.org/COVID-19-updates)

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