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### STATEMENT #3 REGARDING COVID-19 (March 16, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.)

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To all the Lexington FC, LYSA Recreational, TOPSoccer and LYSA Adult Soccer players, families and supporters:

As more fully stated in our alerts from late last week, the leadership of Lexington FC / LYSA acted promptly and consistently with the recommendations of the CDC, US Youth Soccer, the Kentucky Youth Soccer Association and local officials and, out of an abundance of caution, suspended all in-person activities until further notice. As everyone is well aware, this situation continues to be fluid and changes rapidly on a day-to-day and even minute-to-minute basis. However, in hindsight, it appears the decision was appropriate and warranted.

Last evening, the Lexington FC / LYSA Board Chair (Marty Tucker) and President (Catherine Carrico) convened an emergency meeting of the Board of Directors to consider the developments surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and to further determine what steps were necessary or appropriate for the soccer club and its members going forward. During that meeting, the Board of Directors expressed a serious concern for the well-being of its players, families and supporters and voted unanimously to suspend all in-person soccer and related activities of the club through and including April 5, 2020, subject to change as may be later determined by the Board of Directors. This decision is consistent with the strong recommendations from US Youth Soccer and the Kentucky Youth Soccer Association and follows similar temporary closing timelines adopted by Central Kentucky school districts.

As a result of the Board of Directors' decision, during this time of suspension of all in-person soccer and related activities, Lexington FC and LYSA further **strongly recommends** that all of its players, families and supporters take seriously the compelling recommendations of the CDC, the Governor and other local officials regarding social distancing and similar recommendations. **Thus, Lexington FC / LYSA strongly recommends that all its players, families and supporters otherwise avoid all group gatherings and group trainings of every type including group soccer scrimmages, group soccer trainings and group weight or similar training at gyms or otherwise.**

We as a club – and the individual members of the Board of Directors – believe that it all our individual and collective responsibility to each other and the community as a whole to do our part to slow the spread of this virus. Activities inconsistent with these recommendations (group trainings; group workouts) **put all of us at risk** – especially the most vulnerable among us – and could certainly lead to further delays of soccer seasons or all-together cancellations. We have faith that the Lexington FC / LYSA family will do its part. If we do we can be sure to limit any risk to our friends and families and give ourselves the best opportunity to resume playing soccer as soon as possible.

At this time and to be absolutely clear, we are not at this time cancelling any of our spring leagues. In fact, we are hopeful that any suspension of activities will be short-lived and are continuing the process of registering players and forming teams for our LYSA Recreational, TOPSoccer and LYSA Adult Soccer leagues so we can be ready to go if or when the situation may allow. Further information about these programs can be found at [www.lysa.org](http://www.lysa.org). Further information about Lexington FC can be found at [www.lexingtonfc.org](http://www.lexingtonfc.org).

As always, we will continue to monitor the situation closely and provide you with information and our decisions as soon as they are made.

Sincerely,

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