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Dear MYS Families!

The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA), Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS), and the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) have announced the reopening of outdoor athletic fields in Fairfax County for **unpermitted** use as part of Forward Virginia Phase 1 for Northern Virginia, effective Friday May 29. Open, walk-on use of athletic fields is allowed when the field is vacant and only during regular operating hours. All groups who use the fields must follow all state and CDC guidelines, including limiting group size to fewer than 10 individuals, following social distancing, wearing a cloth face covering if physical distancing is difficult, covering coughs and sneezes, using proper hand washing hygiene and staying home if sick.

At this time, there will be **no** scheduled or organized MYS team practices. Coaches may offer training sessions for groups not to exceed 4 players at any given time. We ask that you follow the guidelines below:

- Any training session is optional
- Parents must take their child's temperature before training
- No participation if a player is sick, or has been around someone who has been sick (coaches must ask the question)
- No more than 4 players, 6 ft. apart
- Players cannot handle equipment – they must bring their own ball, water bottle, hand sanitizer, towel
- No pinnies
- No physical contact
- NO use of port-a-johns

We care about our athletes, family, and community and while we can't wait to get on the fields and watch your kids thrive, our priority is to keep everyone safe. Let's remember that this is Phase 1 for Northern Virginia. We need to take a long-term approach for return to play not a short-term fix.

Thank you to all our families. We will be back on the fields when the time is right.

Stay safe,

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