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Dear Jamestown Youth Sports Organizers:

Yesterday statement was released regarding the Parks & Recreation Department's response to the COVID-19 situation in an effort to provide public safety measures during this difficult time. As of yesterday, the current applies to all current Recreation Programs:

- Effective immediately, the Town of Jamestown has canceled all scheduled public meetings of its boards and commissions to reduce the spread of an outbreak.
- Any public events greater than 100 persons shall be canceled.
- Town programs, activities, and events held inside Jamestown Schools shall be cancelled.
- Programs or activities that serve a high-risk population will be canceled (Preschool & Elderly)
- We will be selectively canceling other programs, trips, or events that are considered high risk activities for the spreading of the virus. (trips to densely populated areas/large populations)

Due to the many cancelations that have occurred across our nation recently, I am sure that you may have questions as to what response organizations such as yourself should take to remain in line with the Town and School Department to protect your participants, volunteers, and spectators involved with your programs. As a result of the Governors decision to close all the schools in the state for at a minimum one week to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, it is imperative that we promote proper social distancing behavior and cancel any activities during this period.

All town athletic facilities will be closed to organized group activities until further notice. This includes all meetings, practices, and games. It is very important to that we treat this matter seriously and adhere to this policy for the time being. This decision follows a statement released by Patricia Aull, Chairperson of RIPCOA (middle school sports): *"In accordance with the Governor's directive today closing K-1 2 schools next week, ALL RIPCOA spring sports will be postponed until further notice. Once we have additional guidance from the Governor, RIDOH and RIDE we will re-evaluate the situation and communicate with our member schools."*

However, as more information and guidance is released from the CDC, RIDOH, and RIPCOA we may need to update this policy regarding the operation of your leagues. Ultimately, public safety is paramount, and the Town is prepared to take any necessary steps in protecting our residents. This is an ongoing and ever-changing situation that we will continue to monitor and update you with information relative to our services as they become available. Thank you for your patience as we navigate this situation together.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Wade
Director of Parks and Recreation