In light of the recent news from the New Mexico Governor’s office, the NMYSA Board of Directors has agreed to lift restrictions on New Mexico Youth Soccer Association, (NMYSA), sanctioned activities as allowable by the New Mexico State Health Order, (see attached). Effective May 16, 2020, **and only after all NM COVID Safe Practices, (CSP), have been met and document**, NMYSA will sanction only small group training activities of not more than, 5-to-1 child to adult ratio, as permissible under the health order. These small group trainings must adhere to all **NMYSA Return to Play Protocols** as detailed on the attached document and all State and/or local government restrictions including the COVID Safe Practices, (CSP), attached. Please note, before participation, all youth leaders/coaches must be tested for COVID, with negative results. Excluded from this limited ‘re-opening”/NMYSA sanctioning are:

* NMYSA member affiliates in the northwestern region, (Cibola, McKinley and San Juan Counties), i.e., Zuni Soccer, Gallup Youth Soccer and Four Corners Youth Soccer League, as mandated by the NM Health Order.
* Affiliate members located in areas where local government, i.e. city, town or county parks department maintain restrictions or closures.

Further, the NM Governor’s order specifically says, “Sports programs must be restricted to contactless sports only and non-competitive play”.

We appreciate everything our members are doing to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to keep our communities safe. Parents, players and administrators, please know that all NMYSA sanctioned activity is optional and is strictly your choice. There will be no repercussion by NMYSA or our affiliate members for choosing not to participate! If you participate, please follow all safety measures and the return to play protocols. We value our soccer families and know all of our communities we will get though COVID-19. We are strong and united in soccer!

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