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Dear Hawks and Phantoms Families:

As you know, on Tuesday the Governor announced that all of Illinois will be subject to Tier 3 mitigation beginning tomorrow, Friday, November 20, at 12:01 a.m. Part of the Tier 3 mitigation plan requires the suspension of "all indoor group sporting and recreational activities including youth and adult recreational sports."

As a result, effective Friday, November 20, the Chicago Hawks Board of Directors is suspending all Hawks and Phantoms on-ice and off-ice activities until further notice. This includes any out-of-state travel.

While some members will support this action, I understand that some will not. Being able to play hockey to any degree and maintain a sense of normalcy during this terribly abnormal time is very important, and we do not take our ability to provide that opportunity lightly. The Board regards this situation as fluid and temporary. We will be holding weekly meetings during the suspension to discuss any changes that we may be able to make and will communicate them promptly.

As we said at registration, "If we are forced to stop training due to a governmental directive or the closure of the Sportsplex, members will not be responsible for payments beyond their most recent SportsEngine billing." We have instructed SportsEngine to pause all scheduled billing, beginning with the scheduled December 1 charge. Because we do not know how long the mitigation period will last, we cannot be more specific about any fee reduction until Tier 3 mitigation is over and we can return to the ice. If you paid your season fees in full at registration, we will work with you to make sure that you receive the same reduction as all other members.

Regarding DIBS, we will reevaluate the current requirements once the mitigation period is over. We do not expect members to complete DIBS requirements if we do not have enough hours to offer over a reasonable period of time.

I share your disappointment and frustration. Hockey is so much more than a sport, especially at the Hawks and Phantoms. We will continue to do everything we can to safely get back on the ice. Please feel free to contact me at president@chicagohawks.com with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Melissa Surette
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