



This letter reflects our current situation. These updates will be monthly, or more frequent if there are major updates

March 9, 2021

Dear LVC Family Members,

We would like to once again take the opportunity to update you on the current status of your 2020-21 season.

We have made it a priority to keep you as informed as we could during a season that lacks all normalcy. This is our fifth Fireside Chat of the 2020-21 season. Through these updates and our twenty three weekly LVC Academy sessions, we have attempted to provide clear honest communication as well as pertinent tools and strategies for dealing with a volleyball season in a COVID world.

On October 1st 2020 I said, "we will definitely not be increasing your family's health risks by having indoor activities in this current phase of COVID". At that time for safety reasons only, the schools had suspended all facility permits and LVC clarified that we would not be looking for other facilities and that we were prioritizing the safety of the athletes. Back in October, MLHU had London classified in Stage 1 (basically Green). Currently all TVDSB/LDCSB/Western University/Fanshawe College permits are still suspended, and London is in an Orange zone, with COVID numbers increasing and dangerous variants now part of the equation.

A number of our members have expressed the desire to practice indoor, however many more have also expressed their gratitude to LVC for not moving indoors. The common ground among everyone has always been an eagerness to resume your shared love of volleyball.

Last week's LVC Academy was "Resilience in the Face of Adversity". This year has had many setbacks and disappointments and dealing with this has been hard on everybody. At times even outdoor activities have had to be suspended due to COVID.

One constant through all of this has been "outdoors is safer than indoors." This is not the time to take a giant step backwards. LVC will not be moving indoors. This week's LVC Academy will be a Beach Volleyball information segment as we begin to strongly encourage you to seek outdoor activities for this coming summer. Stay tuned for LVC's "Spring Grass Volleyball League" info.

Stay safe,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dave Bellehumeur", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dave Bellehumeur
President – London Volleyball Club