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**MEMORANDUM TO:** All Chiefs of Police and  
Commissioner Thomas Carrique  
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**SUBJECT:** **Extension of the Declaration of Emergency and Updates  
on Emergency Orders**

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Further to All Chiefs Memo 20-0017, I am writing to advise you that as part of the response to contain the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health and well-being of Ontarians, the government has ordered the extension of the Declaration of Emergency and associated emergency orders, including the closure of non-essential workplaces and restrictions on social gatherings, which will be in effect until April 13, 2020. See the link for a full [list of emergency orders](#).

### **Update on Emergency Orders**

#### *Closure of Outdoor Recreational Amenities*

Through Emergency Order 83-2020, the government has ordered the closure of outdoor recreational amenities for the duration of the emergency. No person shall enter or use the following outdoor recreational amenities except for a maintenance, safety, law enforcement or other similar purpose:

- All outdoor playgrounds, play structures and equipment.
- All outdoor sports facilities and multi-use facilities including,
  - baseball diamonds,
  - soccer fields,
  - frisbee golf locations,
  - tennis, platform tennis, table tennis and pickleball courts,

- basketball courts,
  - BMX parks, and
  - skate parks.
- All off-leash dog areas.
- All portions of parks and recreational areas containing outdoor fitness equipment.
- All outdoor allotment gardens and community gardens.
- All outdoor picnic sites, benches and shelters in park and recreational areas.

Outdoor recreational amenities listed above that are intended for use of more than one family are closed, regardless whether they are public or privately owned (e.g., play structures at a condominium or apartment building).

Walking through or using park or recreational areas that are not otherwise closed (e.g., green spaces, walking pathways) would continue to be permitted but individuals must maintain the safe physical distance of at least two metres apart from others, unless they are members of the same household. Ontario's provincial parks and conservation reserves remain closed.

### **Update on Child Care Centres for Law Enforcement Frontline Workers**

As part of the plan to support frontline emergency workers during the response to COVID-19, the government has exempted certain licensed child care centres from the closure order under O. Reg. 51/20 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/200051>).

These emergency child care centres will assist law enforcement frontline workers such as police officers, other members of a police service, or an individual who performs work that is essential to the delivery of core services in a municipality or First Nation community, as determined by the municipality or First Nation, during this difficult time so they can continue to work.

The government will put in strict measures to ensure the well-being of the children and child care workers, including keeping the number of people in a given facility low and taking other public health precautions such as not allowing visitors to enter the centre, restricting the capacity to 50 people in the location at one time, including children, employees, parents and guardians, and requiring that a plan is in place should any staff, children, or parents be exposed to the virus. The capacity number may change as the outbreak evolves. This service will be free for law enforcement frontline workers.

The Ministry of Education is working closely with its Consolidated Municipal Service Managers, District Social Service Administration Boards, and First Nations who will identify appropriate locations that will best support their communities. Law enforcement frontline workers should check with their service system managers.

The Ministry of Education website has the list of the 47 service system managers: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/childcare/websiteServiceManagers.html>.

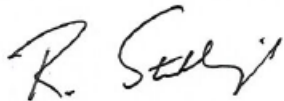
Some emergency child care centres are already open. A list of locations is available at:  
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/child-care-health-care-and-frontline-staff#section-2>

Home-based child care (licensed and unlicensed) is and will continue to be an option for parents who need child care. For more information on home-based childcare please visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/find-and-pay-child-care#section-2>.

Visit Ontario's [website](#) for updates and to learn more about how the province continues to protect Ontarians from COVID-19.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Stubbings".

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