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MEMORANDUM TO: All Chiefs of Police and
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SUBJECT: **A Framework for Reopening Our Province – Stage 1 and
Outdoor Recreational Amenities**

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Further to All Chiefs Memo 20-0074, I am writing to advise you that the Ontario government is launching Stage 1 of [A Framework for Reopening our Province](#) today.

The framework includes guiding principles and public health recommendations the government will use to reopen businesses, services and public spaces in gradual stages. The first stage of reopening focuses on workplaces that are well-positioned to follow public health advice and consider workplace safety measures.

Stage 1 changes to O. Reg. 82/20 (Closure of Places of Non-Essential Businesses) that came into effect **Tuesday May 19 at 12:01 a.m.** are as follows:

Consumer Products

Businesses that sell motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, trailers, boats or other watercraft; or other motorized vehicles, including power-assisted bicycles, golf carts, scooters, snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles are able to open without being required to restrict public access to the place of business. These businesses are no longer required to ensure members of the public only enter the area where vehicles are sold or displayed for sale by appointment.

Businesses that engage in retail sales or rentals to the public and have a public entrance that opens onto a street or exterior sidewalk can open their place of business.

However, those businesses must ensure that persons in the place of business can maintain physical distancing of at least two metres from each other at all times, by using alternative methods of sale such as curbside pickup or delivery, operating by appointment, or limiting the number of people who may be in the place of business at any one time.

A person responsible for a place of business described above that has fitting rooms shall ensure that the fitting rooms remain closed, unless the fitting room stalls have a non-fabric door that may be closed. Customers are not permitted to occupy adjacent fitting room stalls at the same time, and the fitting room stalls must be cleaned and disinfected after each use.

Services and Construction

Businesses that provide the following services are permitted to open their place of business:

- Domestic services that support the operation of households, including housekeeping, cooking, indoor and outdoor cleaning and maintenance services.
- Pet services, including pet grooming services, pet sitting services, pet walking services and pet training services, including services for the training and provision of service animals.
 - In addition, places of business that provide veterinary services are no longer restricted to only being open to provide essential services.
- Maintenance, repair and property management services that manage and maintain the safety, security, sanitation and operation of institutional, commercial, industrial and residential properties and buildings. Previously only such businesses providing “strictly necessary services” were allowed to remain open.
- Construction activities or projects and related services that support construction projects, including demolition services. Previously only specified construction projects and activities were allowed to proceed.
- Land surveyors.

Sports and Activities

In addition to permitting training facilities for certain professional sports leagues, the order now permits the following facilities to open:

- Outdoor sports and activities:
 - Baseball diamonds;
 - Soccer fields;
 - Tennis, platform tennis, table tennis and pickleball courts;
 - Basketball courts;
 - BMX parks;

- Skate parks;
- Motorsport tracks;
- Frisbee golf locations;
- Cycling tracks and bike trails;
- Horse riding facilities; and,
- Shooting ranges.
- Indoor sports and activities:
 - Indoor golf driving ranges;
 - Indoor horse-riding facilities; and,
 - Indoor shooting ranges.

The person who operates one of the above facilities shall ensure that:

- Any person stays at least two metres away from any other person using the facility;
- Team sports are not practiced or played within the facility;
- Other sports or games that are likely to result in individuals coming within two metres of each other are not practiced or played within the facility; and,
- Any locker rooms or clubhouses remain closed except to provide access to a washroom or portion of the facility used for first aid.

Facilities, other than pools, used by the following sports organizations to train or run competitions for professional or amateur athletes are permitted to open:

- A national organization funded by Sport Canada or a member club; and/or,
- A provincial organization recognized by the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries or a member club.

The person who operates one of the above facilities shall ensure that:

- The general rules regarding sports facilities (above) are complied with;
- Only athletes who are members of the sports organization use the facility;
- All sport activities are conducted in accordance with the rules and policies of the sports organization; and,
- No spectators are permitted, other than one parent for an athlete under the age of 18.

Horse racing tracks are also permitted to open. The person responsible for the track shall ensure that it is closed to spectators.

Health Care and Social Services

The following businesses may open their place of business:

- Regulated health professionals. Previously such places of business could open for urgent care only;
- Professionals or organizations that provide-in person counselling services; and,

- Organizations that provide critical personal support services in home or residential services for individuals with physical disabilities are permitted to operate. Previously such places of business could open only if they were non-profit organizations.

Media Industries

The following media industries are permitted to open:

- Sound recording, production and distribution businesses;
- Film and television post-production, visual effects and animation studios;
- Book and periodical production and distribution; and,
- Interactive digital media businesses, including computer system software or application developers and publishers, and video game developers and publishers.

The person responsible for any place of business that is open shall ensure that the business operates in accordance with all applicable laws, including the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* and its regulations. They shall also ensure the business operates in compliance with the advice, recommendations and instructions of public health officials, including any advice, recommendations or instructions on physical distancing, cleaning or disinfecting.

Note that this requirement applies to “the person responsible for a place of business”, not the people who happen to be in the place of business, whether employees or customers. Also note this requirement applies with respect to all places of business that are open including retail businesses permitted to open.

Outdoor Recreational Amenities

Additional changes to O. Reg. 104/20 (Closure of Outdoor Recreational Amenities) that came into effect **Tuesday May 19 at 12:01 a.m.** allow the following outdoor recreational amenities to reopen:

- Outdoor picnic sites, benches and shelters in park and recreational areas;
- Off-leash dog areas; and
- Outdoor multi-use fields and sports facilities (including baseball diamonds, soccer fields, and frisbee golf locations, tennis, platform tennis, table tennis and pickleball courts, basketball courts, BMX parks, and skate parks).

Any person who uses one of the above outdoor recreational amenities shall, unless they are part of the same household, maintain a physical distance of two metres from any other person using the amenity.

A person who uses an allotment garden or community garden shall do so in compliance with the advice, recommendations and instructions of public health officials, including any advice, recommendations or instructions on physical distancing, cleaning or disinfecting.

The following outdoor recreational amenities are required to be closed if they are intended to be used by more than one household, regardless of whether they are publicly or privately owned and whether they are attached to a park system:

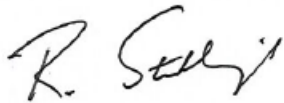
- All outdoor playgrounds, play structures and equipment;
- All outdoor pools, whirlpools and spas, splash pads, spray pads, wading pools and water slides;
- All communal facilities intended to be used by persons using outdoor recreational amenities (except facilities included in the list of essential businesses under the Closure of Places of Non-Essential Business order, for example, facilities used by recognized sports associations);
- All portions of parks and recreation areas containing outdoor fitness equipment.

Public health officials will carefully monitor each stage of the framework for reopening to be able to manage outbreaks and surges that may occur.

For your reference, please find attached previously-shared enforcement-related information that is relevant and applicable on an ongoing basis.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Stubbings". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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Attachment