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PARK UPDATE DURING COVID-19

During this first phase, **the park office will remain closed**. Public common areas such as the clubhouse, playground and games area remain off-limits. The park phone is currently going to voicemail and it may be several days before your call is returned. Please email gacg.info@yahoo.ca for all outside vendor appointments and any non-urgent requests.

For **urgent enquires only**, please call Steve Knox at (905) 716-8908.

Please RESPECT others when in the Park. There is a Zero Tolerance harassment policy for members, staff, and volunteers. Failure to maintain decorum physically or verbally, in texts, or other electronic communications, will result in membership termination at the Board's sole discretion.

- Please keep a 2-metre distance, at a minimum. If that cannot be maintained a mask/face covering is recommended.
- If you are experiencing any of the symptoms of COVID-19, do not come to the Park and if you are unsure what the symptoms are please complete the self-assessment at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>.
- If you are currently off work for a 14-day isolation/quarantine period do not come to the Park!
- **Members and their immediate family only are permitted.**
- When you come to the Park proceed straight to your trailer site.
- Gatherings of more than 5 people are prohibited. Larger groups than current limits should be reported. Georgina by-law officers can issue fines starting at \$750 for violation of the provincial orders during COVID-19. If you see non-compliance, call the Municipal Law Enforcement Division at 905-476-4301, ext. 2279 or 2272. For after hours and weekends, call ext. 2281. If your call goes to voicemail, leave a detailed message including the date, time and location of the violation, and an officer will investigate.
- **No visitors.** The park is closed to the General Public.
- Vendor attendance is limited to **essential services**. Appointment must be booked via the Park email address.
- Big Muddy remains closed with walk-through access only on trails. Park closures include playgrounds, benches, picnic tables and the Gazebo.

TIMELINE OF PARK RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC

1. On March 17, 2020, the Province declared a **state of emergency** which remains in effect. <https://www.ontario.ca/page/emergency-information>

2. On March 24, 2020, the Park was closed to the general membership pursuant to the Provincial Order issued by the Premier of Ontario for closure of all non-essential workplaces.

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/200082>

✚ Green Acres Campers Group is a **not-for-profit recreational park** and as such is **not** an essential service. FOR GUIDANCE ON ESSENTIAL SERVICES PROVISIONS PLEASE REFERENCE.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/list-essential-workplaces>

3. On April 4, 2020, the Province provided clarification around the Seasonal Campgrounds Schedule confirming that although Seasonal trailer parks and recreational campgrounds are not listed as essential businesses, they may be used by individuals who do not have another residence in Canada and are in need of housing during the emergency period (See Schedule 3.1.(a)(i)).

https://www.amo.on.ca/AMO-PDFs/Letters/2020/Joint-Ministers-Letter_HOC_Campgrounds-English-202.aspx

✚ In response to this clarification, Green Acres Campers Group crafted GUIDELINES FOR SNOWBIRDS AND SEASONAL RESIDENTS DURING THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY HEALTH SITUATION.

<https://greenacrescampersgroup.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/GACG-Policy-Statement-re-Snowbirds-and-Seasonal-Residents.pdf>

4. On May 14, 2020, the Premier announced **A framework for reopening our province** commencing May 16, 2020.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/framework-reopening-our-province>

✚ In response, Green Acres Campers Group commenced a Phase One Re-opening of the Park. <https://greenacrescampersgroup.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/ParkRe-openingNotice-May142020.pdf>

SCHEDULE 3 – REQUIREMENTS THAT APPLY TO BUSINESSES

Compliance

1. (1) The person responsible for a 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 **the regulations made under it.**

(2) The person responsible for a place of business that is open shall operate the business in compliance with the advice, recommendations and instructions of **public health officials**, including any advice, recommendations or instructions **on physical distancing, cleaning or disinfecting.**

Seasonal campgrounds

3.1 Every person responsible for a seasonal campground shall ensure that,

(a) campsites are made available only for trailers and recreational vehicles that,

(i) **are used by individuals who do not have another residence in Canada and are in need of housing during the emergency period, or**

(ii) **are permitted to be there by the terms of a full season contract;**

(b) only campsites with electricity, water service and facilities for sewage disposal are provided for use;

(c) **all recreational facilities in the campground, and all other shared facilities in the campground such as washrooms, are closed; and**

(d) other areas of the seasonal campground are **closed to the general public** and are only opened for the purpose of preparing the seasonal campground for reopening.

We appreciate your continued cooperation during this emergency.

Team Green Acres Campers Group

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Public Health Ontario publichealthontario.ca

Public Health Ontario Coronavirus publichealthontario.ca/novel-coronavirus

COVID-19: Stop the spread ontario.ca/covid-19-stop-spread

York Region york.ca/covid19

Georgina Township georgina.ca/covid-19

RISK ASSESSMENT

Workplaces/businesses can implement key measures to limit the spread of the virus in their settings. Workplaces/businesses are heterogeneous; therefore, the Public Health Agency of Canada **recommends that employers and business owners conduct a risk assessment to determine the most appropriate public health actions for a particular workplace/business during the COVID-19 pandemic.** This involves considering the epidemiology of the disease, assessing characteristics of the workplace/business settings and its employees/clients, and **assessing the weight (importance) of associated risks.** Introduction of measures to respond to COVID-19 within the workplaces/businesses can be considered on a continuum from promoting public health messages, to enhancing communication to employees, contractors and customers/clients, to implementing risk mitigation strategies, to **closing the workplace.** canada.ca/2019-novel-coronavirus/risk-informed-decision-making-workplaces-businesses-covid-19-pandemic.html