



## COVID-19 UPDATE – March 16<sup>th</sup> 2020

At the Cairn Family of Camps we strive to create a community that is safe and inclusive to all. Part of creating such a community is ensuring the physical health and safety of all community members. As the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) situation continues to evolve we are working with Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit to ensure that camp remains the safe, welcoming community it has always been.

Even though camp is months away, and we're planning on another great summer, due to the upgraded alert of the COVID-19 situation we will be cancelling all camp events for the next 30 days. This will include our 90th Anniversary Campfire Concert scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup> 2020, and our Camp Sundays at St. Andrew's Hillsburgh and Morningside High Park. We have concluded that the best way to serve our community, is to help slow the spread of the virus (called 'flattening the curve') by restricting all gatherings that require close social contact, even at the expense of meeting and celebrating together. We are hoping to reschedule the Campfire Concert and church Camp Sundays for later this year.

As we gear up for another amazing summer – our 90<sup>th</sup> summer – we want you to know that we will continue to work closely with the health unit, and monitor trusted resources regarding COVID-19. Each year we submit a Safety Plan to the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, which includes an Infection Prevention & Communicable Disease Management Policy. We are continually working with the local health unit to insure that we have the most up-to-date practices in place to protect and maintain the health and well-being of our campers, families, and staff.

As always, our first concern is the health and safety of our camp community. As more information becomes available we will continue to update our health and safety policies and procedures.

We are praying for all of our camp family and for all those impacted: for the sick, and those who love them, for doctors, nurses, and public health officials, for those who are vulnerable, for the individuals making decisions and creating policy, and for those whose livelihoods are affected by the impact of this virus.

Yours in camping,  
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Please refer to the following links for more information about COVID-19:

Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit COVID-19 Update -

<http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Promos/Novel-Coronavirus>

Public Health Ontario COVID-19 Resources - <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/diseases-and-conditions/infectious-diseases/respiratory-diseases/novel-coronavirus/public-resources>

'Being Prepared for COVID-19' Government of Canada - <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/being-prepared.html#a2>

World Health Organization COVID-19 Update - <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/events-as-they-happen>