

## COVID-19 MEMBER UPDATE

### Dear SSC Members,

A lot has happened since the last member update was published just one week ago. A week ago there were 3409 confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Canada with 688 of those in Ontario. Today there are 8591 confirmed cases Canada wide with 1966 of them in Ontario and rising daily. On March 28, 2020, the government of Ontario issued an emergency order under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act to further limit gatherings to no more than 5 people. On March 30, a new emergency order was issued, closing all outdoor recreational amenities including playgrounds whether they be public or private. For a place like the SSC, where social gatherings and social interactions are at the heart of our community, these restrictions will be a profound adjustment for all of us.

We want you to know that we are, first and foremost, focused on the health and safety of our members. With this in mind, we are putting in place measures aimed at preventing the spread of Covid-19.

### THE FOLLOWING MEASURES ARE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY!

1. Only SSC members visiting their cottages are permitted on SSC grounds at this time.
2. Anyone who is sick or is exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19 is prohibited from visiting the SSC grounds.
3. Anyone in self isolation, quarantine or who has travelled within the last 14 days, is prohibited from visiting the SSC grounds.
4. If you have tested positive for Covid-19 or if you suspect that you have Covid-19, and have visited the SSC grounds in the 14 days prior to becoming ill please inform the committee immediately of the date of your visit to the SSC (we don't require a name). We fully respect the issues regarding the right to privacy. At the same time we have a social responsibility to inform members that they may have been exposed to Covid-19 and direct them to self isolate to protect their loved ones.
5. The main gate will remain locked until further notice. SSC members visiting their cottages can access the grounds using the same key as they use during the winter months. You must close and lock the gate once you are inside. Anyone that fails to do so will lose the privilege of having the key to the gate. Please remember that there are now cameras on the property and that anyone failing to comply can easily be identified. (see note on restricted access during spring thaw below)
6. All public areas such as the playground, balina courts, sports fields, zavetišče, and public picnic areas that promote gathering are closed as per the emergency order issued by the Government of Ontario. Green spaces remain open for walk through access, but individuals must maintain the safe physical distance of at least 2 meters apart from others.
7. Parties or gatherings of more than 5 people are prohibited on SSC grounds as per the emergency order issued by the government of Ontario.

In light of the fact that the ongoing pandemic is evolving so rapidly, we will be developing a series of short term action plans so that they can be implemented in phases and adapted quickly as the season progresses. We will communicate these plans to you as soon as they are developed.

The current plan of action is as follows:

### MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON 2020 HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Events such as the Mother's Day Luncheon take a lot of advanced planning and preparation. Due to the current limitations placed on the size of gatherings at no more than 5 people, and no indication of how long this restriction will be in effect, the Committee has decided to cancel Mother's Day Luncheon.

### WATER AND HYDRO TO THE COTTAGES

We are planning to turn on the water and hydro to the cottages for the coming season. The exact date is largely dependent on obtaining water test results and gaining approval from Peel Public Health. We will keep you informed on the progress.

### KITCHEN AND REFRESHMENT SERVICE

It is unlikely that the Sunday kitchen and refreshment service will resume in May as it has in previous years.

### HANDWASHING AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

When visiting the SSC grounds we strongly encourage you to follow the public health recommendations in regards to social distancing and handwashing. Keep in mind that the winter washroom and the zavetišče are not serviced regularly and that frequently touched surfaces such as the washroom door handle, benches, playground equipment, and the gate lock may be contaminated.

### RESTRICTED ACCESS DURING SPRING THAW

As in previous years, access to the SSC grounds will be restricted for vehicular traffic during the spring thaw. This is to prevent unnecessary damage to the road as well as formation of ruts in off-road areas.

The coming season at the SSC will be unlike any we have experienced before. We, the Committee, strongly encourage you to follow the public health recommendations in regards to hand washing, social/physical distancing and self isolation. Let's work together to stay healthy and protect the most vulnerable in our community. Many of our members are also part of the essential services. Let's keep them all safe!

Stay healthy and stay safe!

The Committee



## STAY INFORMED ON NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

As the Covid-19 pandemic progresses, we find ourselves continually bombarded with information about the disease. What is fact and what is fiction is sometimes difficult to discern. There is a lot of misinformation being shared out there. So how does one determine fact from fiction? Make sure that you gather your information from a reliable source. Here are answers from credible sources to some frequently asked questions.

### SHOULD I WASH MY HANDS OR USE HAND SANITIZER?

For community settings, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends washing hands with soap and water whenever possible because handwashing reduces the amounts of all types of germs and chemicals on hands. Soap and water are more effective than hand sanitizers at removing certain kinds of germs, like Cryptosporidium, norovirus, and Clostridium difficile (C. difficile). Although alcohol-based hand sanitizers can inactivate many types of microbes very effectively when used correctly, people may not use a large enough volume of the sanitizers or may wipe it off before it has dried. Furthermore, hand sanitizers may not be effective when hands are heavily soiled.

The bottom line? Wash your hands thoroughly whenever you can. But if soap and water are not available, using a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol is better than nothing at all.

[Learn More](#)

### DO I NEED TO SANITIZE MY GROCERIES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC?

According to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) there is currently no evidence that food is a likely source or route of transmission of COVID-19. The CFIA recommends that all Canadians continue to follow good hygiene practices during food handling and preparation, such as washing hands, cooking meat thoroughly and avoiding potential cross-contamination between cooked and uncooked foods.

If you are concerned about contamination of food or food packaging, wash your hands after handling food packaging, after removing food from the packaging, before you prepare food for eating and before you eat.

According to the CFIA there is no known risk of coronaviruses entering Canada on parcels or packages coming from affected regions. The risk of spread from products shipped over a period of days or weeks at room temperature is very low.

[Learn More](#)

### References:

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<https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-frequently-asked-questions>

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/news/coronavirus-no-evidence-food-source-or-transmission-route>

## OUR HEROES ON THE FRONT LINES

Many of our members are a part of the essential services and they can't stay at home. They are putting themselves at risk to ensure that we have access to healthcare, food, and emergency services when we need them.

**Help us keep them safe.**

**Stay home. Practice physical distancing.**

