



## **YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce Update June 17 2020**

Communities across Grey and Bruce Counties have been included in Phase 2 of the Province's regional re-opening framework. What remains constant is the need for us all to remain diligent and to continue with the virus suppressing behaviours of physical distancing and wearing a mask, hand washing and sneeze etiquette.

As the YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce moves towards re-opening our services and our facilities, we will do so based on the following core guiding principles:

1. A commitment to the health and safety of our staff, participants, volunteers, and the community
2. Prioritizing programs that meet our community's greatest needs
3. Being financially responsible to sustain the long-term viability of the Y as a charity
4. Supporting our employees by calling back staff from temporary lay-off as soon as possible

In alignment with these core guiding principles, we have the following updates:

### **Child Care**

We are reviewing provincial guidelines and working with public health to ensure that when we re-open our licensed early learning child care facilities we are doing so in the safest manner possible. We anticipate being able to communicate our re-opening plans by June 19; we will be communicating directly with our registered families by that time.

### **Pools**

We are committed to re-opening our YMCA Health, Fitness and Aquatic facility when we believe it is in the best interest of the health and safety of our staff and members. After reviewing the guidelines for re-opening pools and the physical distancing challenges it presents for showers and locker room usage, we have made the difficult decision to not open our pools at this time. We will continue to monitor the situation and will provide further information as we can.

### **Summer Day Camp**

We are envisioning a revised summer day camp program located in Owen Sound for children 6-12 years of age, based on public health guidelines. We are working to finalize space, design and staffing for the program. We are aiming to commence camp Monday, July 6, 2020 and anticipate communicating more details by June 19.

### **Community & Employment Services**

We are looking at a phased re-opening plan but do not yet have a date for when our locations will be able to open. In the meantime, we would like to remind you that we are here to help. Staff continue to work remotely, supporting our community with their employment, housing and alternative justice needs. As well our new Settlement Services has launched. Staff are ready to help you get settled into your community and virtual language classes will be starting soon.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. Please continue to access YMCA at Home for fitness, health and children's programs. Please continue to physical distance and use a mask when you are unable to. Please stay strong and healthy. We look forward to seeing you soon!