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Dear business owner/operator,

The province has announced that Ontario will be entering Step 1 of the [Roadmap to Reopen](#) on **Friday June 11th at 12:01 am**. Step 1 focuses on outdoor spaces reopening. Limited indoor settings will also be able to open with restrictions.

While all businesses are required to read the [Roadmap to Reopen](#) and its accompanying [regulation](#) in order to determine what actions they must take to remain open, I would like to highlight certain sections.

Retail

Retailers that were able to open at limited capacity under the stay-at-home order are permitted to open at 25% capacity. All other retailers are permitted to open at 15% capacity. This capacity must be visibly posted at the entrance to your business.

You can calculate your capacity by first determining the total square metres of floor space, not including shelving, accessible to the public. Retailers operating at 25% capacity can then divide that number by 16 and retailers operating at 15% capacity can divide that number by 26.67. You are required to round down your result to the nearest whole number.

Retailers are also responsible for ensuring that anyone lining up outside of your business is maintaining a physical distancing of 2 metres.

Outdoor Dining

Restaurants can now reopen outdoor tables. Patrons seated at different tables must be separated by at least two meters or separated by plexiglass or another impermeable barrier. In Step 1, the capacity of tables is restricted to four people unless that table is entirely comprised of:

- 1) Members of the same household
- 2) A member of up to one other household who lives alone, or
- 3) A caregiver for any member of either household

Short-term Rentals

Campgrounds, cabins, and other short-term rental accommodation can reopen so long as they ensure that any indoor pools, communal steam rooms, saunas or indoor whirlpools, indoor fitness centres, and other indoor recreational facilities are closed.

Outdoor Sports and Recreational Fitness

Outdoor fitness classes, personal training, and training for team and individual sports are permitted. No patrons are allowed indoors except to access a washroom, to access an outdoor space, or as necessary for the purposes of health and safety. No more than 10 patrons may participate, and they are required to maintain a distance of **three** meters from every other person.

Pools

Outdoor pools are permitted to open. Indoor pools are scheduled to reopen in Step 3 of the Roadmap to Reopen. Please ensure that you contact your local Public Health Inspector prior to reopening to arrange for a pre-opening inspection and to go over your safety plan.

Outdoor Gatherings

Gatherings for weddings (but not receptions), funerals, and religious services, rites, and ceremonies can occur outdoors so long as individuals can maintain a physical distance of two metres. Individuals from the same household, a member from one other household who lives alone, and caregivers for any member of either household are not required to distance. Organized outdoor gatherings of up to 10 people are permitted.

Sincerely,



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