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To Cadets, Parents and Guardians, and Staff,

The safety and security of all who participate in the Cadet Program is always one of our top priorities. It is assumed that the COVID-19 pandemic could last 18 months or longer. This virus will likely return in multiple waves and continue to pose a threat to the Canadian Public. A return to normalcy is not forecasted any time soon, and we need to prepare for a new normal.

With the possible start-up of limited in-person cadet activities in October 2020, Cadet Corps and Squadrons may start conducting authorized in-person day activities with RCSU (C) CO approval, and with approved check list stating they are able to follow Public Health recommendations and direction. Specific guidelines and amplifying direction will be released shortly to corps/squadron staff.

It is important to note that COATS members, Civilian Instructors, volunteer and/or cadets will be required to answer the typical COVID-19 medical screening questionnaire, and sign a register to declare they have none of the symptoms outlined in the screening questionnaire prior to every Canadian Cadet Organization (CCO) activity during the 2020-2021 training year.

Any adult or cadet who is ill, or becomes ill, or has been tested for COVID-19 must not participate in CCO activities until they are well or cleared to do so. This means that anyone participating in our programs should stay home if they are not well or are awaiting test results. In the event that any staff or cadet becomes ill during an activity, that individual will be sent home immediately.

We understand that there may be concerns for some adults and cadets who would be considered higher risk as a result of a known weakened immune system. This can be the result of a number of factors such as prescribed medication, and existing medical conditions. Individuals who identify as being at risk or are concerned, are encouraged to speak to their family physician to ensure that they are safe to return to regular cadet activities. The adult member or parent/guardian should then provide a note from their family physician stating they are able to return safely to activities. Personal medical conditions are not required from the family physician. A copy of this note should be retained by the Commanding Officer (CO) of the corps or squadron.

If at any point during the cadet training year you have questions regarding the precautions and procedures put in place to ensure the safety and well-being of participants, please contact your corps/squadron. If a member (adult or cadet) in our Program has been tested for COVID-19, they are to contact their corps/squadron Commanding Officer immediately. The corps/squadron CO's mission is to ensure that we can deliver the Cadet Program while maintaining safety for all. You can also contact Regional Medical Liaison Officers at 1-877-381-6857

Thank you in advance for your understanding,



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