



**For Immediate Release**

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## **Cancellation of 2020 Swim Program, Closure of Beaches and Cottage/Resort Rentals due to COVID-19**

The Township of Central Frontenac has made the difficult decision to cancel the Swim Program for the 2020 season due to concerns surrounding COVID-19.

The cancellation comes after careful consideration from both the Township's Community Emergency Management Control Group (CEMCG). The safety of Central Frontenac residents and staff are a priority and following the lead of the provincial government's recent announcement to cancel the remainder of the school year, the CEMCG and council determined the risks of offering the swim program is too high.

The Swim Program promotes socialization through structured activities; children are encouraged to interact with each other and build healthy social skills. The Township recognizes that creating, and implementing protocols that would comply with physical distancing and other protective measures would be very challenging for this type of program.

Additionally, the provincial government as per O.Reg 104/20 and 51/20 all recreational water facilities, whether indoor or outdoor remain closed at this time.

Central Frontenac has offered the popular Swim Program for over 20 years. The program have been running annually and have become a tradition for many Central Frontenac families. These programs also support local youth by providing summer employment opportunities. Under normal circumstances, employing youth is considered a cornerstone of Swim Program. However during the COVID-19 pandemic there are concerns around placing that level of responsibility on youth.

The Township is looking forward to welcoming swimmers back to the programs next year when it is safe to do so.

Cottage/Resort Rentals – As per O.Reg 82/20, resorts can open if they fall under the motel/hotel category. However, all communal spaces of hotels and motels remain closed.

Other locations providing short-term rental should not be opened. Every person who provides short term rentals in rental accommodations shall ensure that any rentals booked after April 4, 2020 are only provided to individuals who are in need of housing during the emergency period.

For more information regarding these regulations can be found at [www.ontario.ca>laws>regulations](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulations). or [www.centrafrontenac.net](http://www.centrafrontenac.net).