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CPC Directive on Pony Club Activities and Exposure Risk for COVID-19 #4

From: Management Committee, Canadian Pony Club

National Directive Regarding Pony Club Activities

As a result of the growing concern over travel, public gatherings and social distancing and to respect the COVID-19 protocols established to limit the spread and impact of this virus, the Management Committee has made the difficult but unanimous decision to suspend all physically in-person Pony Club activities across Canada until April 18th. Electronic education options and electronic meetings can still be undertaken.

For the information of branches, Centres and the barns and businesses associated with them, the government is advising that groups and businesses that do not conduct themselves in a socially responsible manner could find themselves subject to legal liability. Thus, out of ongoing concern for our extended Pony Club family and a sense of social responsibility, we are advising all Regions and Branches to immediately cease Pony Club activities until April 18. **This date will be reviewed as the situation continues to unfold and updates provided.** Centres offering the Pony Club program, as independent businesses, are restricted from operating Pony Club programming during this timeframe, regardless of their personal decisions regarding their operation. Watch our website, social media pages and your inboxes for continuing updates.

We continue to encourage all of our people to err on the side of safety in their personal decision-making, to learn and follow the guidelines put forth by their own provincial government and health authorities, and to exercise extreme personal diligence when it comes to hand washing, sanitizing and social interaction. We are family, and community, and you matter to us.

The health authorities for each province are issuing guidelines based on the current circumstances in their provinces and the availability of information on rate and risk of infection. CPC encourages its members to review these provincial releases as part of their personal education effort surrounding this virus, and to respond appropriately when considering the activities they have planned.

As the situation continues to develop, CPC will update its statements and recommendations to provide the safest possible environment and practices for its members and volunteers. We thank you for your understanding and diligence in taking steps to limit the spread of the virus and protect yourselves and our members, and we rely on your acceptance and compliance with the measures set forth to assure the quickest possible return to regular operations.