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**Subject: Short-Term Rentals and Cabins**

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The Timiskaming Health Unit would like to inform you of [regulatory](#) changes affecting **short term rentals, cabins and cottages**.

Effective at 12:01am June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 lodges, cabins, cottages and other shared rental accommodations are permitted to open, subject to the following restrictions:

- Any pools, fitness centres, meeting rooms and other recreational facilities that may be part of the operations of these businesses are to remain closed at this time.
- Restaurants dining rooms remain closed to visitors, however take-out or delivery is still permitted.

Ontario has released safety guidelines to protect workers, customers and the general public from COVID-19 as it prepares for a gradual reopening of the provincial economy. Sector-specific guidelines can be found [here](#).

**Tourism and Hospitality Industry:**

- [Tourism and hospitality sector](#)
- [Hotel reception, room service and front line staff](#)
- [Hotel housekeeping and laundry](#)

For those operating a regulated small drinking water system, O. Reg. 319 still applies and all applicable water sampling and monitoring must take place where indicated in the site-specific Directive issued by your Public Health Inspector.

A gradual re-opening of the economy and workplaces will enable the government to ensure there are appropriate measures in place to open safely and limit health risks. Everyday actions to protect your health, like physical distancing, frequent hand washing and staying home when ill, will continue through each stage.

We thank you for your continued support and efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

Dr. Glenn Corneil  
Acting Medical Officer of Health/CEO