Goderich YMCA
Re-Opening Plan and Timeline

We have worked diligently to prepare the Maitland Recreation Centre and are ready to re-open and serve our members and the community. We would like to recommend to town council an opening date of September 8, 2020.

All of our YMCA branches have been cleaned, redesigned and will follow the guidelines set out by the province and local health units.

During the closure to prepare for re-opening, we have:

- Planned for how we can safely manage physical distancing in our facilities. We have rearranged equipment and spaces, changed traffic patterns, and will be limiting and monitoring access spaces within the facilities
- Created signage to support distancing efforts and to provide clear instruction for our members and staff
- Examined which programs and areas we can safely re-open in a phased approach
- Installed tempered glass partitions at front desks and reception areas for staff and community safety
- Sourced personal protective equipment (PPE) that will be required for all staff and are following region’s recommendations that all staff will wear masks when in contact with community member
- Created new cleaning and disinfecting standards with increased frequency
- Instituted screening of staff, members, and participants
- Leveraged innovative technology to engage with members and staff in a virtual way (check us out at www.ymcahome.ca and www.virtualymcaswo.ca for home workouts, virtual classes, personal training, family content as well as Y Camp)
- Launched a new YMCA website for member access and community information (www.ymcaswo.ca)
Fitness Operations - Phase 1:
We will launch fitness access as phase 1 of operations and comply to the 50 people indoor maximum as per provincial guidelines for fitness centres. Memberships will reactivate as of September 8, 2020 and payments would resume for all members effective September 25, 2020. If members wish to continue to keep their memberships on hold or cancel due to COVID-19 we will accommodate these on a case by case basis. We will then layer in programming such as childminding and group exercise classes when we can with safety do so and with the new guidelines in place.

Pool Operations - Phase 2:
The pool is a key membership driver so we want to be ready to open the pool in phase 2 as soon as we can safely manage changeroom access and our staff teams are re-hired, re-trained and re-certified. Public health has advised us that we can serve 30% capacity of the total bather load for this area and will determine the number of swimmers based on the space and access areas.

Sifto Arena Operations:
Ice has been removed from the Maitland Recreation Centre for the spring/summer to capitalize on the ability to complete project work and maintenance in this area. We are consulting with user groups now and will continue to do so. The decision on when to re-install ice will be based on the timelines and need in the community for programming from user groups and with support from the town and board of management. It will take 2-3 weeks to install and cool the ice once a timeline is determined. We will continue to work to follow public health guidelines on capacity for this area.

Recreation Operations:
We will continue to consult with user groups and requests to resume activities. We are closely monitoring updates and guidance from health agencies and the evolving plans from user groups to align with the new recommendations.

Human Resources:
Full time staff will be brought back to work approximately one week prior to target opening date to 100% capacity. Part time staffing levels will be phased in as programming ramps up. The Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy that the YMCA applied for and was able to receive has been extended until December 19, 2020 and will continue to support compensation throughout re-opening.

Maitland Recreation Centre Operating Hours for Opening:
Monday - Friday 7:00am-8:00pm
Saturday & Sunday 8:00am-4:00pm
Hours will be expanded as necessary based on demand and as programming ramps up.