

A Statement from Canoe Kayak Canada

Dated April 24, 2020.

See full statement at <https://canoekayak.ca/covid-19/>

In the context of the current COVID-19 pandemic, CKC continues to ask the Canadian paddling community to respect the Government of Canada's direction to carefully follow physical distancing practices and to respect the directives of all governmental authorities at every level. Now is the opportunity for us to be diligent leaders in our communities. Through our actions, we can contribute to the control of the spread of this virus.



CKC directs all member clubs and organizations to continue the suspension of their sanctioned and organized on-water paddling and in-person activities in accordance with all Municipal, Provincial and Federal public health authority restrictions.

CKC will continue to monitor and assess the national situation, but note that Club / Divisional / Provincial / Territorial and National Team paddling programs may only commence when Municipal, Provincial and Federal Public Health authorities modify applicable restrictions and/or closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic. CKC recognizes that these restrictions may be modified or lifted at different times across the country depending on the evolution of the pandemic and the actions taken by the various levels of government in specific jurisdictions.

We have begun working with members and our partners as we look forward to the weeks and months ahead to form potential recommendations on paddling activities that respect physical distancing requirements while also taking on-water safety fully into account.

... We must continue to prioritize our personal and community safety in relation to the pandemic, and collectively err on the side of caution and safety on all fronts.

Please stay physically isolated and safe.

... CKC has created a [COVID-19 web page](https://canoekayak.ca/covid-19/) (<https://canoekayak.ca/covid-19/>) where all pertinent updates, recommendation, resources and further information will be shared.

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Message from DBC President Scott Murray



**BATEAU-DRAGON CANADA
DRAGON BOAT CANADA**

Dated April 9, 2020. Source: <https://dragonboat.ca/message-from-dbc-president-scott-murray/>

Dear Canadian Dragon Boat Community,

We will soon be faced with our next challenge in the battle against Covid-19. As the weather warms the desire to paddle in any form possible is emerging. As a coach, I have spent weeks thinking, analyzing ways to get 100+ teammates on-the-water for weekly paddle workouts using any tools possible. The conclusion I have come to is that none are safe.

As our desire to paddle peaks, our focus must remain on personal safety and physical distancing:

- **No club or group paddling of any kind should be taking place (group meaning more than 1 person from different households)**
- **OC-2, OC-6 paddling is not physical distancing**

As water temperatures are cold, extra precautions should be taken:

- **Wear an approved PFD**
- **Wear clothing appropriate for the weather and water conditions**
- **Train as close to shore as possible.**

Individuals who paddle please make sure you are doing this safely. Clubs and groups simply should not paddle together, as no group is a safe group at this time.

I am truly looking forward to the day that we will be training and racing together again. Until then, stay safe.

Paddles Up!



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An Update from the City of Welland

Dated April 27 2020.

Source: <https://www.welland.ca/hottopics/COVID-19.asp>

City of Welland closures and cancellations now extended to June 30

The City of Welland is announcing that it is extending the closure of all public facilities, and the cancellation of events and programming until June 30, 2020.

The decision was made by the City's Corporate Leadership Team and Emergency Control Group, based on the need to protect City staff and residents; to help contain the spread of COVID-19; and to provide some certainty for user groups and key community stakeholders.

With the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases and community spread in Niagara and Ontario on the rise, public health officials are indicating that it is more important than ever to continue to practice physical distancing, including self-monitoring and self-isolation. All indications from the experts are that these measures will be in place for months, not weeks.

This page is updated daily regarding the City's COVID-19 response, important information from Niagara Public Health, as well as municipal, provincial, and federal program information to assist residents and businesses.

Facility closures include: The Welland International Flatwater Centre.

Cancelled or Postponed Events include: Sports Awards—April 3—postponed

(See full list of City closures, cancellations, and postponements at <https://www.welland.ca/hottopics/COVID-19.asp>)

Trails/Merritt Island: The trails are not closed but physical distancing is required. The access to Merritt Island and other parking lots along the trails have been barricaded as part of the Premier's "Don't Drive to Walk" initiative.



Photo from W.I.F.C website.



Photo by Kathleen Reardon

A Video Link from the Warlocks

Follow the link to view a video containing a collection of pictures of the Warlocks set to music. It is about 7 minutes long. Here is a preview of some pictures you will see.

<https://www.coachseye.com/v/26482171df844781ab6ba08c00c33b04>



Recreational Dragon Boat Zoom Workouts with Coach Sally

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Malika

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Kathleen

Keeping fit and physically distant. Sally leads a workout every Wednesday at 6:30pm.

Contact Sally for questions and for the Zoom link to join in on the free 30-45 minute sessions.

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News from your Board of Directors

No Spring Paddling Programs in May or June. Contact Coaches KC or Sally if you are interested in joining Zoom workouts in the meantime.

The Financial State of SNCC. The Board is optimistic that with careful planning and spending, SNCC will come through this pandemic. Though two weeks of Winter programming were cancelled, SNCC did not lose revenue. The City of Welland issued a refund for missed paddle tank time and many members and non-members chose to donate back their refund to SNCC rather than take a credit. Thank you! Also there have been members donating directly to SNCC and members who joined the fundraising app FlipGive that have indirectly donated to SNCC. Thank you! Contact Brenda if you are interested in joining the SNCC team on FlipGive. As well, due to budget surpluses from 2018 and 2019, contingency funds were set aside and are available to assist with 2020 fixed costs.

Membership Renewal. All members are encouraged to renew their annual membership with SNCC. Your contribution will greatly help SNCC. Thank you and Stay Safe!

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LUCK!

Abbie Smart has been a great part of the success and the fun of the Canoe Kayak programs at SNCC in 2019. She has been an assistant coach for the Masters/Para program and she has been helpful in keeping us organized at our regattas. As well, she and her boyfriend were the chefs at our End of Season/Fundraiser Barbecue in August 2019. Abbie has also assisted with our Social Media. We wish her the best as she moves on to new challenges outside of Niagara.



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