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To Cadets, Parents and Guardians, and Staff,

The safety and security of all who participate in the Cadet Program is always one of our top priorities. It is assumed that the COVID-19 pandemic could last 18 months or longer. This virus will likely return in multiple waves and continue to pose a threat to the Canadian Public. A return to normalcy is not forecasted any time soon, and we need to prepare for a new normal.

With the possible start-up of limited in-person cadet activities in October 2020, Cadet Corps and Squadrons may start conducting authorized day activities. This means, that following approval from the Regional Cadet Support Unit Commanding Officer, they have followed a checklist to ensure that they are able to follow regional public health recommendations and direction. Specific guidelines and amplifying direction will be released shortly to corps/squadron staff.

It is important to note that Corps and Squadron staff, volunteers and/or cadets will be required to answer the typical COVID-19 medical screening questionnaire, and sign a register to declare they have none of the symptoms outlined in the screening questionnaire for every Canadian Cadet Organizations (CCO) activity during the 2020-2021 training year.

Any adult or cadet who is ill, or becomes ill, or has been tested for COVID-19 must not participate in CCO activities until they are well, or cleared to do so. This means that anyone participating in our programs should stay home if they are not well or are awaiting test results. In the event that any staff or cadet become ill during an activity, that individual will be sent home immediately.

We understand that there may be concerns for some adults and cadets who would be considered higher risk as a result of a known weakened immune system. This can be the result of a number of factors such as prescribed medication, and existing medical conditions. Individuals who may identify as being at risk or are concerned, are encouraged to be speaking to their family physician to ensure that they are safe to return to regular cadet activities. The adult member or parent/guardian should then provide a note from their family physician detailing their ability to safely return to activities without any information containing personal medical conditions. A copy of this note should be retained by the Commanding Officer of the corps or squadron.

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If at any point during the cadet training year you have questions regarding the precautions and procedures put in place to ensure the safety and well-being of participants, please contact your corps/squadron. If a member (adult or cadet) in our Program has been tested for COVID-19, they are to contact their corps/squadron Commanding Officer immediately. The corps/squadron Commanding Officer's mission is to ensure that we can deliver the Cadet Program while maintaining safety for all. You can also contact Capt John Cloke, the Zone Training Officer for the North Vancouver Island Zone at 250-818-9364 or John.Cloke@forces.gc.ca.

Thank you in advance for your understanding,

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