

Direction of the Minister
To Partially Lift Earlier Direction
(Section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*)
20-005

Under the authority provided to me in Section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*, I direct that the portion of Direction 20-001, originally issued on March 22, 2020, which states:

I direct the following Province-wide closures and prohibitions:

1. *Effective at 12 noon on March 22, 2020, all Provincial and municipal parks and beaches are closed to all. All travel into those parks and beaches is strictly prohibited.*

be replaced with following:

I direct the following Province-wide closures, prohibitions, and conditions on use:

1. **Effective at 3:00 pm on May 1, 2020**, all Provincial and municipal beaches and the trails along or through a beach continue to remain closed to all. All travel into those beaches is strictly prohibited.

Effective at 3:00 pm on May 1, 2020, for clarity, all children's playgrounds continue to remain closed to all.

Effective at 3:00 pm on May 1, 2020, all Provincial and municipal parks, including trails within parks, all school grounds and sports fields, are open with conditions to the public.

I further direct that all persons, walking or otherwise using these parks trails, school grounds or sports fields, must comply with all of the following conditions:

- (i) strictly adhere to all the social distancing rules in the Medical Officer's Order under the *Health Protection Act*;

- (ii) not to be in a group of people greater than 5 in number; and
- (iii) only be with other people in their immediate household, or alone.

These replacement directions apply to all persons in the Province except for essential emergency personnel while carrying out their duties and responsibilities.

For further clarity the other portions of Direction 20-001, not stated above, remain in place.

Please note that all these directions are in addition to any requirements established in a Medical Officer's order under the *Health Protection Act*, and any other Directions issued under the *Emergency Management Act*.

A failure to comply with this Direction could result in a summary conviction with fines between \$500 to \$10,000 for individuals and up to \$100,000 for a corporation per incident.

This Direction will remain in place for the duration of the Provincial State of Emergency unless it is terminated in writing by me earlier.

Dated May , 2020 at Halifax, Nova Scotia

Hon. Chuck Porter
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing