

Direction of the Minister
To Partially Lift Earlier Direction
(Section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*)
20-006

Under the authority provided to me in Section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*, I direct that Direction 20-005, originally issued on May 1, 2020 be replaced by this Direction and in its place I direct the following Province-wide closures, prohibitions and conditions on use:

1. **Continuing May 16, 2020**, all children's playgrounds will remain closed to all.
2. **Effective at 8:00 am on May 16, 2020**, all Provincial and municipal parks, including trails within parks, all school grounds and sports fields, continue to be open to the public under the condition indicated below.
3. **Effective at 8:00 am on May 16, 2020**, all Provincial and municipal beaches, and the trails along or through a beach, are open to the public under the condition indicated below.

I further direct that the condition for use of a space in 2 and 3 above is that a person using these parks, trails, school grounds, sports fields, or beaches must strictly adhere to all the social distancing requirements, physical distancing requirements, and all other applicable requirements in the Medical Officer's Order under the *Health Protection Act*.

This replacement Direction applies to all persons in the Province except for essential emergency personnel while carrying out their duties and responsibilities.

Please note that all this Direction is 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 15, 2020 at Halifax, Nova Scotia

Original signed by

Hon. Chuck Porter

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing