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A MESSAGE TO PARENTS RE: COVID-19

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Dear parents,

Now well into the seventh week of isolation and physical distancing, the Navy League of Canada's Ottawa Branch wanted to connect with you regarding the latest news from Premier Doug Ford about the phased and gradual reopening of our province and what this means for both our Corps. We also wanted to give you a few updates on what has been happening on our end behind the scenes.

While the Premier did not provide any specific dates for Ontario to reopen during his announcement earlier this week, he did detail a framework that is designed to serve as a set of guidelines rather than a calendar for the province to begin gradually lifting restrictions. As we heard, Ontario will need to see "a consistent two-to-four week decrease in the number of new daily COVID-19 cases" before measures can begin to be lifted, and even still, this will be done gradually and in three separate phases.

What this means in the short-term is we will need to continue observing physical distancing for as long as is required, and all Corps activities will remain cancelled until further notice. The sacrifices we are all making will save lives as a result.

We recognize the toll ongoing isolation may be taking, and we want to reassure everyone that while we may be apart, we are still very much all in this together. Both our Corps remain extremely active and engaged, whether through virtual gatherings or interactions via social media. We could not be more proud of all our Cadets at every level and are eagerly anticipating the day when we can be together again.

In the meantime, the Navy League of Canada as well as the Ottawa Branch continue to work tirelessly to maintain our presence in the community. As some of you may be aware, the Ottawa Branch now has an official Facebook page: facebook.com/OttawaNavyLeague. We invite you all to 'like' and share the page with your followers, as this new medium will allow us to quickly share updates with everyone. In the coming weeks and months, we will also be announcing additional communications tools to stay connected – we look forward to sharing more information with you as soon as it becomes available.

As always, we ask that you stay safe and take all precautions necessary to ensure your safety and that of your family. If there is anything we can do to help you through these unprecedented and often difficult times, please do not hesitate to reach out to any of us. The Navy League of Canada's Ottawa Branch is here to help.

Wishing you all the very best,

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