

Media Release

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Status of day camps in Chatham-Kent

CK Public Health would like to remind members of the public that while the Province of Ontario had indicated in news releases that summer camps **might be able** to run in July and August, summer day camps **are not yet permitted to run in Chatham-Kent** as per current emergency orders from both the Province of Ontario and the Chatham-Kent Medical Officer of Health. New cases of COVID-19 infection in Ontario are trending upward, not downward.

On March 13, 2020, Dr. David Colby, Medical Officer of Health ordered that “day camps, programs and organized activities that allow for the close interaction amongst children and youth are not permitted in Chatham-Kent.” **As of May 25, this order has not been rescinded, and remains an active order of health and safety.**

“While camps cannot operate at this time, this is not permanent for our community” says Dr. David Colby, Medical Officer of Health. “We recognize this may be challenging news, and would like to thank our community partners for their cooperation in maintaining physical distancing and group numbers five or less.” said Dr. Colby.

CK Public Health is monitoring the COVID-19 situation closely, and will continue to provide the public with updates. Further updates regarding the current situation of COVID-19 can be found at the CK Public Health website at www.ckpublichealth.com/covid19.

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