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URGENT COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Once again the Ontario government has declared a state of emergency and issued a province wide stay at home order. In reviewing what is a very confusing document, the East Elgin Board of Directors feel there are enough points made that would allow us to keep the doors to the club open as we are easily able to meet the requirements outlined in the document. Please feel free to view or download a copy here.

Nowhere do they suggest that the club itself has to be closed, the document does provide a list of outdoor recreational amenities that are allowed to remain open subject to conditions"

We will be keeping the club open and available to members but will also be adhering to the conditions outlined in the document.

- No person is permitted to use an indoor or outdoor recreational amenity that is required to be closed
- Outdoor recreational amenities permitted to open, subject to conditions, include (weather permitting):
- o Parks and recreational areas

- o Baseball diamonds
- o Batting cages
- o Soccer, football and sports fields
- o Tennis, platform tennis, table tennis and pickleball courts
- o Basketball courts
- o BMX parks
- o Skate parks
- o Frisbee golf locations
- o Cycling tracks and bike trails
- o Horse riding facilities
- o Shooting ranges, including those operated by rod and gun clubs
- o Ice rinks
- o Snowmobile, cross country, dogsledding, ice-skating and snow-shoe trails
- o Playgrounds

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- o Portions of parks or recreational areas containing outdoor fitness equipment
- o Tobogganing hills and skating trails

A permitted outdoor recreational amenity may only open if

- Any person who enters or uses the amenity maintains a physical distance of at least two metres from other person using the amenity (excluding members of the same household)
- Team sports, or other sports or games where people may come within two metres of each other, are not practiced or played within the amenity

The document does also state however that people are to stay at home unless going out is absolutely essential.

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With that in mind we strongly encourage members to make their own decisions and need to make it clear that even though the doors will remain open and members may be allowed access to the club it is up to each individual member to read, understand, and make informed decisions that they are comfortable with. The East Elgin Sportsmen's Association is not suggesting in any

way that people refuse the stay at home order and need to make it understood that we are all responsible for our own actions.

Please be aware that the conditions below will be strictly enforced.

Effective January 14th at 12:01am:

- The Indoor range will remain fully closed for the duration of the State of Emergency.
- Outdoor ranges will remain open to members only with a maximum of 5 per range and 2 people per range on ranges #10-#13.
- Kitchen and clubhouse will be closed until lock-down is lifted. Washrooms will remain accessible.
- Social distancing must be respected on all ranges at all times and a separation of 2 metres must be maintained at all times.

We apologize for any inconvenience and want to thank all our members for their continued cooperation and support. If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, please do not come to the club at all.

Doug Lightheart

The East Elgin Sportsmen's Association Board of Directors



Facility Rentals

Vice President Barry Rawlinson is also our facilities manager, anyone interested in renting the club facilities can contact Barry at brawlinson@eesa.ca for rates and availability or submit facility requests through the club website.

Chief Safety Officer

East Elgin Sportsmen's Association chief safety officer is Peter Sherriff. Please direct and questions or concerns about safety on the ranges or safe gun handling to Peter at psherriff@eesa.ca.

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East Elgin's head Range Officer is club Vice President Barry Rawlinson. Inquiries about Range Officer courses or any other RSO related questions can be directed to Barry at brawlinson@eesa.ca

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