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COVID-19 UPDATE

PRO Updates:

- PRO continues to **meet with staff from the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries** and is sharing data about the impact of COVID-19 on operations now. PRO is also **participating in two sub-committees** that are reporting directly to the Minister's office. The work is focused on maximizing resources for recovery.
- PRO is **posting regular updates** from the government in the PRO News Brief and on [our website](#).
- We will continue to **compile helpful resources**, posting them on our social media accounts, on our [COVID-19 Resources](#) Page and the [PRO Knowledge Hub](#).
- PRO is **determining best policies and procedures** and developing guidance documents for parks and recreation operations once the pandemic restrictions are lifted. We are working with public health and recreation stakeholders to create essential information geared to operations in our sector.

RESOURCES

To Watch

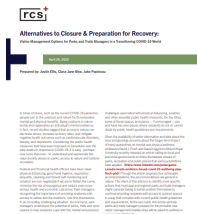
Entering the Virtual World: Bringing your Camps and Programs Online PRO Recorded Webinar from May 1 2020



On Friday, May 1 at 12 pm, PRO hosted a webinar exploring virtual recreation programs and camps. Watch the recording to learn what goes into making a safe, high quality online program and what platforms work best for our sector. Find out what you should consider to maximize your resources and keep your citizens engaged and active. Hear from organizations across Ontario that have developed successful online programs and gather ideas for your own community.

[Click here](#) to watch the webinar and [click here](#) for the accompanying slides.

To Learn



Alternatives to Closure & Preparation for Recovery Report from RC Strategies, April 20, 2020

RC Strategies, a community development firm, developed a report with a toolbox for managing visitors to parks during COVID-19, that extend beyond closures. There are 8 tools including visitor management, offering virtual options and providing essential infrastructure to reduce transmission amongst visitors.

[Click here](#) to read the report.

To Do

Please see below for some upcoming and recorded webinars to take advantage of. Visit the PRO Knowledge Hub for more listings each week.

Upcoming Webinars

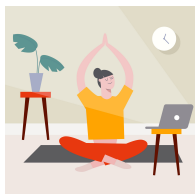
- [Charity Village: The Volunteering Lens of Public Health Emergencies](#)
The outpouring of support and generosity of people helping others within the uncertainty and anxiety that this public health emergency has created is inspiring. Volunteer engagement within this context raises many questions as organizations assess, adapt and respond to the evolving risks and needs in our communities. Presented by Volunteer Canada on **May 14, 2020 at 1 pm**, this webinar will explore these questions in an open and engaging discussion.
- [Parks People: Leading Trends in City Park Partnerships](#)
Taking place on **May 15, 2020 at 1 pm**, this webinar will feature a wide range of partnership models used in city parks across Canada. From community groups to conservancies, it will explore the context underpinning each model and highlight its strengths and limitations. They will also take a look at the differences among Canadian and American park partnership models.
- [Ontario NonProfit Network: How to Cut, Contain and Restructure Costs in Uncertain Times](#)
Join Finance and Strategy Transformation Strategist, Betty Ferreira FCPA, FCMA on **June 4 at 2 pm** to learn how to strategically cut, contain and restructure costs during COVID-19.

Recorded

- [Rails-To-Trails Conservancy: Closing Streets to Create Space for Walking and Biking During COVID-19](#)
This webinar provided an overview of how economic stimulus plans and reauthorization of the federal transportation law could advance trails and active transportation.
- [World Urban Parks: Play Resiliency During COVID-19 Era](#)
Advocating for active and outdoor play at home and in parks and nature is uniting the world's Parks and Recreation Professionals together to share ideas and expertise to help heal all families in the world. [Click here](#) to access the recording.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY CORNER

Tips and tricks for staying active and healthy while practising physical distancing at home



Dr Bonnie Henry, British Columbia's Provincial Medical Officer of Health believes it is [safe to exercise outside](#) and that the chances of catching COVID-19 from someone outside is unlikely. She stressed that it is still important to exercise only with the people you live with and to stay 2m apart from everyone else. [Click here](#) to read the CBC news report or [click here](#) for the video news report.

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