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Dear parents/guardians,

The safety and welfare of all who participate in our programs is always our top priority. As such, we take very seriously our responsibility to protect cadets from any real or apparent health or safety concern. Upon careful review of a number of factors, including the potential for risk of exposure and further transmission of COVID-19, the Commander of the National Cadet and Junior Canadian Rangers Support Group has cancelled all cadet activity, including all local training, through April 3, 2020.

As you can imagine, decisions to cancel, postpone or reschedule activities and events are never taken lightly. This decision is being made to protect cadets, their families and staff from the unnecessary risk of exposure and the possibility of quarantine or self-isolation, either overseas or here in Canada. Rest assured, that we are committed above all to the safety and security of all who participate in our programs, but will look for opportunities to reschedule events or activities to ensure we continue to offer unique and challenging opportunities for the youth of the Cadet and Junior Canadian Rangers programs.

We know that the Cadet and Junior Canadian Rangers programs are safe, fun and secure places for young people to enjoy experiences they can't get anywhere else, and we want to ensure that we can continue to offer these valuable programs in communities across the country. We remind participants who are displaying symptoms such as cough and fever should seek medical attention and take time to recover before returning to activities, even after the cancellation period. Furthermore, any civilian instructors, volunteers or cadets returning for international travel (including U.S.A) shall refrain from participating in any CCO activities for 14-days following their return. They will not be penalized for their absence, but are directed to notify their Cadet Corps, Squadron or Junior Canadian Ranger Patrol to ensure that your absence is recorded as excused.

As recreational trips are often funded in part by the cadets, their parents and affiliated supporters and League partners, we urge those responsible for booking recreational trips to work with their respective booking agencies to amend travel plans accordingly.

The National Cadet and Junior Canadian Rangers Support Group are taking unprecedented precautions to protect the safety and well-being of all who participate in our programs, in an effort to reduce the possibility of both exposure and further transmission of COVID-19. We will remain in close contact with other youth organizations and school boards. The National Cadet and Junior Canadian Rangers Support Group will continue to monitor the actions taken by other like-minded youth organizations and will adjust our plans accordingly.

Your understanding with regards to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

D.B. Henderson  
Commander  
Commanding Officer