



## MBC Update re: Coronavirus Impact Plan

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By now most of us are growing wearisome with all the COVID-19 updates from the government and other organizations or sources that you may be tracking with. I'll try to keep this one brief.

In keeping with the new timeline for the province's state of emergency plan, MBC will remain in a shutdown mode until May 12. We have cancelled our Shepherd Leadership retreat that was scheduled for mid-May as well as our May Long Weekend student staff development retreat.

Our office is still open and we are responding to phone calls and emails with a limited team structure.

We know that many are asking about the May Long Weekend and the use of trailers and cottages. ***If we can be open we will be.*** However, we will comply with all government recommendations and also plan for the safety of our team members and onsite guests. We are closely monitoring the situation and will notify our trailer owners and cottagers on any decisions made regarding access to MBC. At this point the local and provincial governments are advising people to stay home and not use their cottages. We would agree that this is a wise approach at this time so as not to overwhelm our local essential supply stores and healthcare systems.

We will be making decisions regarding our May and June programming over the next several weeks as well as the status of Camp Widjiitiwin and MBC for the summer season.

Making the most of some of the government incentives, namely the wage subsidy program, we have recalled some team members on a part time basis to initiate some strategic projects that can be carried out safely while also furthering the mission of MBC. To that end you may be getting a phone call in the next few weeks from some of our team members to pray for and encourage you and also ask some questions to ensure our guest database is current. Our team is excited to be reaching out to you, our MBC families!

We will also be engaging in some online opportunities to keep our MBC families connected and encouraged. Please be sure to follow our Muskoka Bible Centre and Camp Widjiitiwin Facebook pages for updates.

I will also be co-hosting a webinar with Eduardo Heinrichs (he led our #MenNeedFriends last summer) to interactively present some ideas on how your family can become more resilient through this COVID-19 Pandemic. This event will take place tomorrow, Thursday, April 16 at 8:30 pm. You can register for the webinar using this link:

[Resilient Family Webinar - April 16, 2020 / 8:30 pm](#)

I continue to ask for your prayers for our team members as we seek to honour God in our leadership during this season. We know that finances can be difficult right now but if you are led to support us financially during this time you can do so online at [www.muskokabiblefoundation.com](http://www.muskokabiblefoundation.com) or call the office at 705.789.0123.

We entrust the ministry of MBC, our families and ourselves to Him, for His glory both now and forevermore.

In Christ,

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