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To Recreational Water Facility Owners:

Re: Pool, Spa and/or Splash pad Opening Inspection Request

As of July 1, 2018, Ontario Regulation 565 was modernized to include regulatory requirements for Public Pools, Public Spas and Class C facilities which include Splash Pads, Wading Pools, Spray Pads and Water Slide Receiving Basins.

The *Ontario Regulation 565* requires owners and operators of recreational water facilities to provide written notification to the Medical Officer of Health of any opening of a new public recreational water facility, after any construction/alteration or if an existing recreational water facility has been closed for more than four weeks. All notifications to the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit regarding recreational water facility opening dates must be completed in writing using the attached form. The form must be completed and returned to the Health Unit **at least 14 days** prior to the anticipated opening date of the recreational water facility.

Completed notification form can be mailed or faxed to our Simcoe office at the address or fax number listed below.

Prior to the opening inspection, all equipment should be in place and operational, all tests performed and documented and all alterations or repairs completed. **Under the modernized regulation it is the owner's responsibility to designate a trained operator. The Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit requests that the owner and/or operator be present for the opening inspection.**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the modernized regulation or your recreational water facility, please contact the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit.

Sincerely,



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