Recently, the Government of Ontario announced their roadmap for reopening the province. This gradual phase-in is based on the province-wide vaccination rate and improvements in key public health and health system indicators such as hospitalizations and the number of patients in ICUs. Reopening consists of three steps, with a minimum of three weeks before moving to the next step. The Seniors Centre is deemed a recreational centre, and as such is eligible to open in Step Three which could be near the end of July.

Session Four registrants who were not able to participate because their programs were unable to go online, will find a credit waiting in their accounts to use as they choose – future programs, membership, Hatter’s take-out, donation, etc. Should you wish to further help the Association and donate your credits, email info@seniorskingston.ca. Staff will process your donation and send you a tax receipt.

Our summer session is due to kick off on July 5. Once again, our amazing instructors have stepped up, adapted, and are planning to offer a number of your favourite programs online. I’ll send an update as soon as details are finalized.

The journey has been long. Personally, I want to thank all members for your steadfast support of the Association. The vaccination rate is steadily climbing in Canada. In fact, in our region, 93% of people 60 and older have received their first shot of vaccine - and that is good news for everyone. The staff and I can’t wait to once again, welcome you back to The Centre.

Kind regards,

Don Amos
Executive Director
Seniors Association Kingston Region
The Government of Ontario has imposed a provincewide Emergency Break Shutdown, effective Saturday April 3, 2021 at 12:01am. This means that the Seniors Association must, once again, close its doors to our members and the public. We will act on the valuable insight gained from the closure that was mandated in December 2020.

First, where it is possible, classes will move to online. For classes where that is not possible, members will be issued credits for class(es) lost. Credits will be put into member accounts after the reopening order has been issued by the Province.

As you can imagine, closure is very difficult for the Association. The Board has made the decision to, with the help of some Federal grants, retain all of our staff during the shutdown. If you would like to assist the Association further by donating your program credits back to the Association, a tax receipt will be issued to you. To do this, please email info@seniorskingston.ca to let us know.

Secondly, our restaurant, Hatter’s Cove, will remain open for takeout with curbside pickup, subject to demand. Starting Monday April 5, 2021, Hatter’s Cove will operate Monday to Friday for lunchtime takeout. Call 613-548-7810 ext 242 or email Chef Eve at EveK@SeniorsKingston.ca to place and pay for your order.

Thank you for standing by us during our last closure. Your positive emails kept the staff going, and once again, we will get through this latest shutdown. Vaccines are here, and the light at the end of this very long tunnel is getting brighter.

Stay well and stay safe.

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