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### **ORC SUSPENDING OPERATIONS**

The Ottawa Recreation Commission will be suspending operations as of Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm, and will remain closed until at least March 30<sup>th</sup>. We will re-evaluate the situation at that time. This includes closure of the Goppert Building, and suspension/postponement of programs including all adult sports, fitness programs, as well as youth and senior activities.

The ORC will be following the CDC's recommendations of limiting activities with groups of 50 or more participants. As such, the ORC's Youth Spring Soccer season has been cancelled. Participants will be given two options – refund or transfer of funds to another program.

The ORC will be in touch with all participants via phone or email within the next 48 hours.

During the suspension of operation, ORC staff will focus on cleaning, maintenance, and handling any administrative work including that associated with the closures and cancellations as well as future program planning and implementation. The best way to contact programming staff will be via email.

The Ottawa Recreation Commission will announce the re-opening of the Goppert Building and ORC program operations at the appropriate time on the ORC Facebook page and will release the news through local media outlets. Residents are advised to watch [orcottawaks.org](http://orcottawaks.org) and sign up for the ORC's e-news, TextCaster, or social media, like Facebook, for ORC information.

