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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As leaders, we make the best decisions we can with the information we have at any given moment. As leaders of a youth organization, we have the added responsibility of Canadian families' most treasured assets, and we must always err on the side of caution.

In the lead-up to the release of the province's most recent health order regarding proof of vaccination requirements, there was a strong desire for a decision about what direction we would take for the Cadet Program in B.C. I made a decision that was in-line with the information I had available at the time, and our commitment to keep our cadets, our staff and our communities safe. Now, with updated information after the release of the official Provincial Health Order, is it clear that the Cadet Program does not fall within the activities that require proof of vaccination and this will no longer be a requirement for cadets, adults or staff.

I realize that the communications this week may have caused some concern or confusion and for that, I apologize. It is clear that I should have waited until the release of the health order, in order to make a fully informed decision. Our intention has always been to ensure that the Cadet Program does not become a vector of transmission for COVID-19 by adhering to the strictest health measures in place, whether directed nationally, or by Provincial Health regulations, and we will continue to do so as we move forward through the pandemic. We will still conduct comprehensive checklists and risk assessments prior to approving any in-person training. Masks will still be required for both indoor and outdoor activities, and we will continue to communicate with you about any changes as early as possible. Our main focus continues to be ensuring a safe environment and adherence to personal health measures while providing fun and enriching in-person activities where possible.

Thank you for your understanding and patience in this development. If you have any further questions, please reach out to your local staff or Area Officers.

Yours sincerely,

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