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Health Inspected Premises

NEW LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On behalf of the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU), we would like to inform you of new legal requirements under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* (HPPA) that came into effect July 1, 2018. This bulletin is designed to help commercial and retail business owners, especially new business owners, by outlining the steps you must take in order to comply with the new SMDHU requirements.

New Requirements:

All businesses in the health unit's region operating an inspected premise under the HPPA are now required to notify the health unit at least 7-14 days before opening. In some circumstances, owners and operators may need to notify SMDHU before adding new services or renovating an existing business. These notifications may include submitting floor plans, menus, and municipal approvals (e.g. permits, planning, and plumbing approvals).

Inspected premises:

- 1) Food premises
 - a. Operators must notify SMDHU at least 7 days prior to opening
- 2) Recreational Camps (camps where overnight accommodation is provided for children and eating facilities are provided)
 - a. Operators must notify SMDHU at least 14 days prior to opening
 - b. Operators must notify SMDHU promptly when the recreational camp is closed
- 3) Personal Services Settings (including hairdressing, nail salons, aesthetics and tattooing)
 - a. Operators must notify SMDHU at least 14 days prior to opening
 - b. Operators must notify SMDHU at least 14 days if adding new services
 - c. Operators must notify SMDHU at least 14 days if renovating an existing premises
- 4) Public pools and spas (including wading pools)
 - a. Operators must notify SMDHU at least 14 days before pool and/or spa is put into use
 - b. Operators must notify SMDHU at least 14 days before the re-opening of a public pool and/or spa after any closure that lasts more than 4 weeks

- 5) Small drinking water systems as defined in Ontario Regulation 319, under the HPPA
 - a. Operators/owners must notify SMDHU prior to supplying water to users
 - b. Operators/owners must notify SMDHU immediately when they stop providing water to users, or make changes to the system
 - c. Operators/owners must notify SMDHU before supplying water to users after any period of more than 60 days duration where the water has not been used

In addition, Ontario local health units are now required to expand their public disclosure system to include routine and complaint inspections of all business types listed above as well as child care centres and tanning premises.

SMDHU Resources:

SMDHU Resources, including the appropriate notification forms, are available on their website:

Local Businesses	Workplaces and Businesses
Child Care	New Child Care Centre Start Up Checklist
Personal Services Settings (Nails, aesthetics, body piercing)	New Legislation Information Flyer - English New Legislation Information Flyer - French Notification Form
Pools and Spas	Notification to Open/Re-Open a Facility
Water Systems Operators	Forms
Recreational Camps	Notice of Recreational Camp Opening

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