TIAO COVID-19 POLICY UPDATE

At TIAO we are in ongoing communication with tourism stakeholders across Ontario. We are using our Evidence Generation Strategy (EGS) which includes stakeholder consultations, and survey data collected and analyzed through our province wide surveys.

Data collected through the EGS is used to provide evidence-informed recommendations to all levels of government. We recognize that the response to COVID-19 requires a whole government approach, and that recommendations must reflect the cross-jurisdictional work that is underway.

Please see the TIAO COVID-19 Update document attached here. This document is being updated on a rolling basis, as new information is acquired through our EGS. This document highlights our recommendations on behalf of the industry, and reflects what is being put forward by key international organizations, like the World Travel and Tourism Council.

INDUSTRY SURVEY 3.0

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our survey. In a continued effort to understand the growing economic impact within our industry we are releasing a new survey that will allow us to give further weight to our discussions with government and talk about the latest developments including closures and layoffs and express the urgency of the situation the tourism industry continues to face.

Please note the survey will close at **8am on Monday April 6th** so that we can collate and analyze the information before our weekly conference call with Minister MacLeod.

The survey can be found here.

TRAVEL INDUSTRY ACT UPDATE

The Ontario Government recognizes the extraordinary nature of the current situation of the COVID-19 outbreak and relief is being provided for travel agents and wholesalers during this financially difficult time.You can find the regulatory changes here.

NEW ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REGULATIONS

The Government of Ontario announced support for business corporations, not-for-profit corporations, insurers, and share capital social clubs by implementing an Emergency Order to provide flexibility for corporate meetings. This emergency order applies to not-for-profit corporations incorporated under the Ontario Corporations Act (CA) and gives them the ability to hold virtual meetings; as well as extends the timeframe for AGMs to be held. Read more here