

RECORD OF DECISION – CMOH Order 05-2020

Re: 2020 COVID-19 Response

I, Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) have initiated an investigation into the existence of COVID-19 within the Province of Alberta.

This investigation has confirmed that COVID-19 is present in Alberta and constitutes a public health emergency as a novel or highly infectious agent that poses a significant risk to public health.

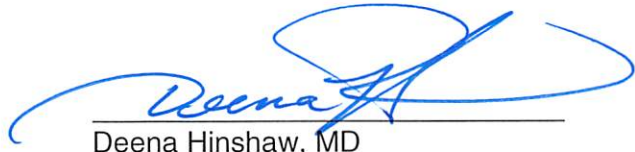
Under section 29(2.1) of the *Public Health Act* (the Act), I have the authority by order to prohibit a person from attending a location for any period and subject to any conditions that I consider appropriate, where I have determined that the person engaging in that activity could transmit an infectious agent. I also have the authority to take whatever other steps that are, in my opinion, necessary in order to lessen the impact of the public health emergency.

Therefore, having determined that certain activities could transmit COVID-19 as an infectious agent and that certain other steps are necessary to lessen the impact of the public health emergency, I hereby make the following Order, effective immediately:

1. Any person who is a confirmed case of COVID-19 must be in Isolation for a minimum of 10 days from the start of their symptoms, or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer.
2. For the purposes of this Order, Isolation includes the following restrictions:
 - (a) remaining at home, and 2 metres distant from others at all times;
 - (b) not attending work, school, social events or any other public gatherings; and
 - (c) not taking public transportation.
3. Subject to section 9, the following persons must be in Quarantine for a minimum 14 day period:
 - (a) a person returning to Alberta after having travelled internationally; and
 - (b) a close contact of a person who is confirmed as having COVID-19.
4. For the purposes of this Order, Quarantine includes the following restrictions and requirements:
 - (a) remaining at home;
 - (b) not attending work, school, social events or any other public gatherings;

- (c) not taking public transportation; and
 - (d) watching for symptoms, as set out below, in themselves or in a family member.
5. For the purposes of this Order, a “close contact” is defined as a person who:
- (a) provides care, lives with, or has close physical contact, without consistent and appropriate use of personal protective equipment, with a person who is confirmed as having COVID-19; or
 - (b) comes into direct contact with the infectious body fluids of a person who is confirmed as having COVID-19.
6. If a person identified in section 3 experiences symptoms, as set out below, during the 14 day period of Quarantine, they must be in Isolation for a minimum of 10 additional days from the start of their symptoms, or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer, but at no time may a person described in section 3 be in Quarantine for less than 14 days.
7. Subject to section 8 of this Order, any person who is exhibiting any of the symptoms as set out below, which are not related to a pre-existing illness or health condition, must be in Isolation for a minimum of 10 days from the start of their symptoms, or until the symptoms resolve whichever is longer:
- (a) cough;
 - (b) fever;
 - (c) shortness of breath;
 - (d) runny nose; or
 - (e) sore throat.
8. Persons described in section 7 of this Order, are not required to be in Isolation in accordance with section 7, if those persons test negative for COVID-19 and have no known exposure to COVID-19.
9. Persons described in section 3 of this Order, are not required to be in Quarantine in accordance with section 3 if they are:
- (a) essential services workers;
 - (b) who are designated by their employer as being essential; AND
 - (c) where a medical officer is satisfied that the presence of the person in a public place would involve reasonably low risk to the public health.
10. Notwithstanding anything in this Order, the Chief Medical Officer of Health may exempt a person or classes of persons from the application of this Order.
11. For greater certainty, any person previously exempted, in writing by the Chief Medical Officer of Health from any requirement to Quarantine or Isolate, continues to be exempted and is further exempted from the application of this Order.
12. This Order remains in effect until rescinded by the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Signed on this 25 day of March, 2020.



Deena Hinshaw, MD
Chief Medical Officer of Health