

## RECORD OF DECISION – CMOH Order 17-2020

### Re: 2020 COVID-19 Response

Whereas 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.

Whereas the 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.

Whereas 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.

Whereas I made Record of Decision - CMOH Order 02-2020 on March 17, 2020, which prohibited attendance at public recreational facilities and private entertainment facilities.

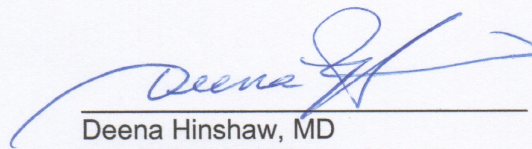
Whereas I made Record of Decision – CMOH Order 07-2020 on March 27, 2020, which set requirements with respect to the gathering of persons in indoor and outdoor locations, and requirements that apply to businesses that are permitted to provide services to the public at a location that is accessible to the public and to restaurants, cafes and other food-serving facilities.

Whereas having determined that it is possible to permit Albertans to engage in certain outdoor activities where the risk of COVID-19 transmission can be mitigated if persons adhere to public health measures, I hereby make the following Order which modifies Record of Decision - CMOH Order 02-2020 by removing the prohibition against attending a recreational facility where an outdoor shooting range is operated, for the purpose of engaging in target practice or a target shooting competition.

1. Effective May 6, 2020, a person may attend an outdoor location or place where a shooting range is operated for the purpose of engaging in target practice or a target shooting competition.
2. An operator of a shooting range located in the Province of Alberta must:
  - (a) implement practices to minimize the risk of transmission of infection among persons working at or attending the shooting range;
  - (b) provide procedures for rapid response if a person develops symptoms of illness while working at or attending the shooting range;
  - (c) ensure that persons working at or attending the shooting range maintain high levels of sanitation and personal hygiene.

3. An operator of a shooting range may operate an outdoor shooting range only if:
  - (a) reservations for persons to engage in target practice or a target shooting competition, including any firearm rentals, are made by means of online or telephone transactions to the extent possible;
  - (b) retail sales of firearms, ammunition, targets or firearm accessories are made by means of online or telephone transactions;
  - (c) food and drink services offered or provided at the shooting range comply with section 12 of Record of Decision – CMOH Order 07-2020;
  - (d) measures to enable all persons engaging in target practice or a target shooting competition or attending a shooting range to comply with section 2 of Record of Decision – CMOH Order 07-2020 are implemented;
  - (e) every item rented or loaned to a person for their personal use while engaging in target practice or a target shooting competition or attending a shooting range is cleaned and disinfected before it is rented or loaned to a subsequent person.
4. Despite section 3(a) of this Order, an operator of a shooting range that did not accept reservations for persons to engage in target practice or a target shooting competition prior to this Order being made is not required to establish a system to accept reservations for the purposes of this Order.
5. For greater certainty, nothing in this Order is intended to encroach upon any matter under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Government of Canada, including any matter under the *Firearms Act* (Canada).
6. This Order remains in effect until rescinded by the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Signed on this 5 day of May, 2020.

  
Deena Hinshaw, MD  
Chief Medical Officer of Health