

## **RECORD OF DECISION – CMOH Order 36-2020 which rescinds CMOH Order 35-2020**

### **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.

Whereas under section 29(2)(b)(i) of the *Public Health Act*, I may take whatever steps I consider necessary

- (A) to suppress COVID-19 in those who may have already been infected with COVID-19,
- (B) to protect those who have not already been exposed to COVID-19,
- (C) to break the chain of transmission and prevent spread of COVID-19, and
- (D) to remove the source of infection.

Whereas I made Record of Decision – CMOH Order 35-2020 on October 20, 2020, limiting private social gatherings in the City of Edmonton and the City of Calgary to a maximum number of 15 people.

Whereas a further increase in COVID-19 cases is occurring in different regions throughout Alberta.

Whereas private social gatherings continue to be a type of activity identified as high risk for the acceleration of transmission and spread of COVID-19.


Therefore, I am taking the following steps to protect Albertans from exposure to COVID-19 and to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

Effective immediately, Record of Decision – CMOH Order 35-2020 is rescinded and the following is substituted in its place:

1. This Order applies to any person attending a private social gathering in a region identified on the “List of active cases by region” found at <https://www.alberta.ca/maps/covid-19-status-map.htm#toc-3> where

- (a) the “Active case rate” (per 100,000 population) for the region is identified as 50 or greater; and
- (b) the “Active cases” for the region is identified as 10 or greater.
2. All private social gatherings are limited to a maximum of 15 persons regardless of whether the gathering is fully or partially indoors or outdoors.
  3. For the purposes of this Order, “private social gatherings” is defined as any type of private social function or gathering at which a group of persons come together and move freely around to associate, mix or interact with each other for social purposes rather than remaining seated or stationary for the duration of the function or gathering and may include events such as wedding and funeral receptions, parties, and dinners.
  4. Private social gatherings that exceed the 15 person limit but consist solely of members of the same household are excepted from this Order.
  5. Notwithstanding anything in this Order, the Chief Medical Officer of Health may exempt a person or a class of persons from the application of this Order.
  6. This Order remains in effect until rescinded by the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Signed on this 6 day of November, 2020.



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Deena Hinshaw, MD  
Chief Medical Officer of Health