

## RECORD OF DECISION – CMOH Order 06-2021

### Re: 2021 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 05-2020 on March 25, 2020 which sets out the isolation and quarantine requirements for persons who

- (a) are confirmed cases of COVID-19,
- (b) are close contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19,
- (c) have returned to Alberta after travelling internationally, and
- (d) are exhibiting specified symptoms which are not related to a pre-existing illness or health condition.

Whereas I made Record of Decision – CMOH Order 28-2020 on July 3, 2020 which amended CMOH Order 05-2020 so that any person entering Alberta after having travelled internationally is required to quarantine.

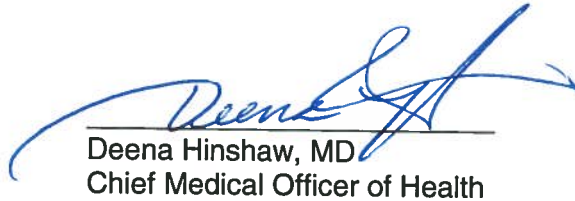
Whereas having determined that it is necessary to require asymptomatic persons who screen positive after being administered a rapid screening test to isolate, I hereby make the following Order:

1. Effective immediately, this Order applies throughout the Province of Alberta.
2. For the purposes of this Order, a “rapid screening test for COVID-19” means a COVID-19 testing device that is listed in *Authorized medical devices for uses related to COVID-19: List of authorized testing devices by Health Canada* published on the Government of Canada website and is approved for point-of-care molecular or antigen COVID-19 testing, including but not limited to, Panbio COVID-19 AG Rapid Test Device (nasal), Bd Veritor System For Rapid Detection Of SARS-CoV-2, Id Now COVID-19 and the Spartan COVID-19 System Cube.

3. For the purposes of this Order, the terms “close contact” and “isolation” have the same meaning given to each term respectively in Record of Decision – CMOH Order 05-2020.
4. Any person who offers or provides a screening program where rapid screening tests for COVID-19 are administered to asymptomatic persons must comply with any guidelines issued by the Chief Medical Officer of Health regarding asymptomatic rapid screening tests.
5. Any person who administers a rapid screening test for COVID-19 to an asymptomatic person must do so in accordance with the manufacturer’s guidelines, including any guidelines regarding
  - (a) storage requirements for rapid tests,
  - (b) sample collection, and
  - (c) rapid test administration.
6. Any person who administers a rapid screening test for COVID-19 to an asymptomatic person must inform the person of
  - (a) the results of their rapid screening test,
  - (b) whether the person needs to isolate in accordance with section 7 of this Order, and
  - (c) the exception to the requirement to isolate set out in section 9 of this Order.
7. Subject to section 9 of this Order, an asymptomatic person who screens positive after being administered a rapid screening test for COVID-19 must be in isolation for 10 days.
8. The isolation period for an asymptomatic person who screens positive after being administered a rapid screening test for COVID-19 begins on the day the rapid screening test was administered to the person.
9. An asymptomatic person who screens positive after being administered a rapid screening test for COVID-19 is not required to be in isolation if the person
  - (a) undertakes a polymerase chain reaction test for COVID-19 after being administered the rapid screening test where,
    - i. the results of the polymerase chain reaction test for COVID-19 are determined in a laboratory accredited by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, and

- ii. the results of the person's polymerase chain reaction test is negative, and  
(b) has not otherwise been informed that the person is a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the previous 14 days.
10. For greater certainty, a person must comply with this Order in addition to any requirement set out in Record of Decision – CMOH Order 05-2020 that applies to the person.
11. 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.
12. This Order remains in effect until rescinded by the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Signed on this 11 day of March, 2021.

  
Deena Hinshaw, MD  
Chief Medical Officer of Health