

RECORD OF DECISION – CMOH Order 14-2021

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*, 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 having determined that additional measures respecting indoor youth group physical activity, indoor youth group recreational activity and indoor youth group performance activity are necessary to protect Albertans from exposure to COVID-19 and to prevent the spread of COVID-19, I hereby make the following order:

Part 1 – Application

1. This Order is effective on April 22, 2021 and applies throughout the Province of Alberta.

Part 2 – Definitions

2. In this Order, the following terms have the following meanings:

- (a) “school” means a school as defined under the *Education Act*.
- (b) “student” has the same meaning given to it in the *Education Act* or the *Post-Secondary Learning Act* depending on the context in which “student” is used.
- (c) “youth” means a person eighteen years of age or younger.
- (d) “youth group physical activity” means any physical activity which youth participate in which is in accordance with Part 8 of CMOH Order 12-2021.
- (e) “youth group recreational activity” means any structured or organized activity or program where the purpose of the activity or program is related to youth development including, but not limited to, programming intended to develop a skill.
- (f) “performance activity” includes but is not limited to, singing, playing a musical instrument, dancing, acting, and any rehearsal or theatrical performance.

Part 3 - Restrictions on Youth Indoor Group Activities

3. Despite Parts 5, 8, 9 and 10 of CMOH Order 12-2021, an operator of a business or entity described in section 9 of Appendix A in CMOH Order 12-2021 is prohibited from offering or providing a location for group indoor activities or the following services in an area listed at section 1 of Appendix A of this Order:
 - (a) indoor group physical activity to youths enrolled in grades seven through twelve at a school;
 - (b) indoor group performance activity to youths enrolled in grades seven through twelve at a school; and
 - (c) indoor youth group recreational activity to youths enrolled in grades seven through twelve at a school.
4. Despite Parts 8, 9 and 10 of CMOH Order 12-2021, a youth enrolled at a school in grades seven through twelve is prohibited from participating in the following:
 - (a) indoor group physical activity as set out in Part 8 of CMOH Order 12-2021 at those areas listed at section 1 of Appendix A of this Order;
 - (b) indoor group performance activity as set out in Part 9 of CMOH Order 12-2021 at those areas listed at section 1 of Appendix A of this Order; and
 - (c) indoor group recreational activity as set out in Part 10 of CMOH Order 12-2021 at those areas listed at section 1 of Appendix A of this Order.

Part 4 – Exception to this Order

5. This Order does not apply to a youth enrolled in grades seven through twelve who attends a business or entity that is described in section 9 of Appendix A in CMOH Order 12-2021 in order to participate in a physical, performance or recreational activity as part of an education program where participation in the activity is limited to the students undertaking the education program at the school.

Part 5 - General

6. 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.

7. This Order remains in effect until rescinded by the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Signed on this 22 day of April, 2021.



Deena Hinshaw, MD
Chief Medical Officer of Health

Rescinded



Document: Appendix A to Record of Decision – CMOH Order 14-2021

Subject: CMOH Order 14-2021 Restrictions

Effective Date: April 22, 2021.

Scope of Application: As per Record of Decision – CMOH Order 14-2021

Overview

This document also sets out the areas of Alberta in which physical activity, performance activity and youth group recreational activity are restricted for individuals enrolled in school in grades seven to twelve while Record of Decision – CMOH Order 14-2021 remains in effect.

1. Areas where Indoor Group Activities are Restricted:

- The following municipalities as defined in the *Municipal Government Act*:
 - Calgary;
 - Edmonton.

- The following urban service areas as defined in an order creating a specialized municipality under the *Municipal Government Act*:
 - Fort McMurray.