

RECORD OF DECISION – CMOH Order 27-2021

2021 COVID-19 response re: students' group physical activity, group performance activity, and group recreational activity

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 certain measures limiting students' group physical activity, group performance activity and group recreational activity are no longer necessary to protect Albertans from exposure to COVID-19 and to prevent the spread of COVID-19, I hereby make the following order to modify Record of Decision – CMOH Order 19-2021 and Record of Decision – CMOH Order 20-2021:

Part 1 – Application

1. This Order is effective on May 25, 2021 and applies throughout the Province of Alberta excluding the areas listed in Appendix A.

Part 2 – Amendments to CMOH Order 19-2021

2. CMOH Order 19-2021 is amended as follows:

(a) Section 8.1 is modified by adding the following subsections after (d):

(e) "school" means a school as defined under the *Education Act*.

(f) "student" has the same meaning given to it in the *Education Act*.

(b) Section 8.6 is deleted and substituted with the following:

8.6 Section 8.5 of this Order does not apply to a group physical activity in which:

(a) all persons are members of the same household;

- (b) a person who resides alone is participating with persons referred to in section 3.3(a);
 - (c) a student is participating in an outdoor group physical activity as part of an education program where participation is limited to the students undertaking the education program at the school.
- (c) Section 9.1 is modified by adding the following subsections after (d):
 - (e) “school” means a school as defined under the *Education Act*.
 - (f) “student” has the same meaning given to it in the *Education Act*.
- (d) Section 9.6 is deleted and substituted with the following:

9.6 Section 9.5 of this Order does not apply to a group performance activity in which:

 - (a) all persons are members of the same household;
 - (b) a person who resides alone is participating with persons referred to in section 3.3(a);
 - (c) a student is participating in an outdoor group performance activity as part of an education program where participation is limited to the students undertaking the education program at the school.
- (e) Section 10.1 is modified by adding the following subsections after (d):
 - (e) “school” means a school as defined under the *Education Act*.
 - (f) “student” has the same meaning given to it in the *Education Act*.
- (f) Section 10.6 is deleted and substituted with the following:

10.6 Section 10.5 of this Order does not apply to a youth group recreational activity in which:

 - (a) all persons are members of the same household;
 - (b) a person who resides alone is participating with persons referred to in section 3.3(a);
 - (c) a student is participating in an outdoor youth group recreational activity as part of an education program where participation is limited to the students undertaking the education program at the school.

Part 3 – Amendments to CMOH Order 20-2021

3. CMOH Order 20-2021 is amended as follows:

(a) Section 8.8 is deleted and substituted with the following:

8.8 Section 8.7 of this Order does not apply to a group physical activity in which


- (a) all persons are members of the same household;
- (b) a student is participating in an outdoor group physical activity as part of an education program where participation is limited to the students undertaking the education program at the school.

(b) Section 9.9 is deleted and substituted with the following:

9.9 Section 9.8 of this Order does not apply to a group performance activity in which

- (a) all persons are members of the same household;
- (b) a student is participating in an outdoor group performance activity as part of an education program where participation is limited to the students undertaking the education program at the school.

Signed on this 25 day of May, 2021.


Deena Hinshaw, MD
Chief Medical Officer of Health



Document: Appendix A to Record of Decision – CMOH Order 27-2021

Subject: CMOH Order 27-2021 Restrictions

Effective Date: May 25, 2021.

Scope of Application: As per Record of Decision – CMOH Order 27-2021

Overview

Record of Decision - CMOH Order 27-2021 does not apply to the areas listed below.

1. Areas where Record of Decision - CMOH Order 27-2021 does not apply:

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