

RECORD OF DECISION – CMOH Order 07-2022

Re: 2022 COVID-19 Response

Whereas the Chief Medical Officer of Health has 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 under section 29(2.1) of the *Public Health Act*, I 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.

Therefore, I am making the following Order effective February 16, 2022:

Part 1 - Definitions

1.1 In this Order the following terms have the following definitions:

- (a) “contractor” means a person, including a corporation, that under a contract or a sub-contract with the operator of a health care facility, provides or arranges for the provision of health care services or support services within the health care facility.
- (b) “health care facility” means:
 - i. an auxiliary hospital under the *Hospitals Act*;
 - ii. a nursing home under the *Nursing Homes Act*; and
 - iii. a designated supportive living accommodation under the *Supportive Living Accommodation Licensing Act*.
- (c) “staff member” means any person who is employed by, or provides services under a contract with, the operator of a health care facility or a contractor of the operator.
- (d) “vaccinated” means a person who is eligible for vaccination who has:
 - i. proof of receiving no less than two doses of a World Health Organization approved COVID-19 vaccine in a two dose vaccine series and has had

fourteen or more days elapse since the date on which the person received the last dose of vaccine;

- ii. proof of receiving at least one dose of a World Health Organization approved COVID-19 vaccine in a one dose series and has had fourteen days or more elapse since the date on which the person received the last dose of vaccine.

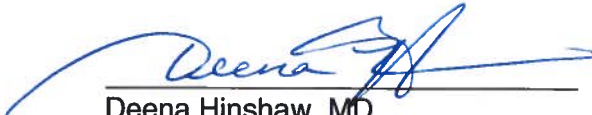
Part 2 – Restricting staff movement among health care facilities

- 2.1 An operator of a health care facility, and any contractor operating within a health care facility, located in the Province of Alberta, must restrict the movement among health care facilities of staff members who are not vaccinated by ensuring that such staff members only work at one health care facility.

Part 3 – General

- 3.1 Notwithstanding anything in this Order, the Chief Medical Officer of Health may exempt an operator, contractor or staff member, person or class of persons of a health care facility from the application of this Order.
- 3.2 This Order remains in effect until rescinded by the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Signed on this 10 day of February, 2022.


Deena Hinshaw, MD
Chief Medical Officer of Health