



Office of the Minister
MLA, Calgary - Acadia

M.O. 612/2020

WHEREAS the Lieutenant Governor in Council made Order in Council 080/2020 under section 52.1(1) of the *Public Health Act* (PHA) on March 17, 2020 declaring a state of public health emergency in Alberta due to pandemic COVID-19 and the significant likelihood of pandemic influenza;

WHEREAS Order in Council 080/2020 has effect for 90 days following March 17, 2020 under section 52.8(1)(a) of the PHA;

WHEREAS section 52.1(3) of the PHA authorizes the Minister of Health to make an order without consultation, to suspend or modify the application or operation of all or part of an enactment, subject to the terms and conditions the Minister prescribes, if the Minister is satisfied that the application or operation of all or part of the enactment is not in the public interest;

WHEREAS I am satisfied that the application or operation of all or part of the *Public Health Act* is not in the public interest because more stringent requirements are required to ensure persons are isolated or quarantined in accordance with the Record of Decision - CMOH Order 05-2020 to address the significant public health risks posed by COVID-19;

THEREFORE, I, TYLER SHANDRO, Minister of Health, pursuant to section 52.1(2) of the *Public Health Act*, do hereby order that:

1. the application of section 33 of the PHA is modified so that references to “person infected with a communicable disease” and “person who is suffering from a communicable disease” are read to include the following persons:
 - a. a person returning to Alberta after having travelled internationally;
 - b. a close contact of a person who is confirmed as having COVID-19 and
 - c. any person exhibiting any of the symptoms listed below which are not related to a pre-existing illness or health condition:
 - i. cough;

- ii. fever;
- iii. shortness of breath;
- iv. runny nose; or
- v. sore throat.

2. the application of section 1 of the PHA is modified to add the definition of the term “close contact” to section 1 of the PHA:

“close contact” means

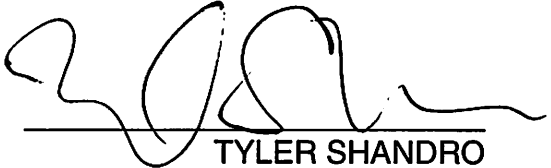
- a. a person who provides care, lives with, or has close physical contact, without consistent and appropriate use of personal protective equipment, with a person who is confirmed as having COVID-19; or
- b. a person who comes into direct contact with the infectious body fluids of a person who is confirmed as having COVID-19.

3. This Ministerial Order is effective upon signing.

Unless continued by an order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council under section 52.811(3) of the PHA, this Order lapses at the earliest of the following:

- (a) August 14, 2020;
- (b) 60 days after Order in Council 080/2020 is terminated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, if Order in Council 080/2020 is terminated before June 15, 2020;
- (c) when this Order is terminated by the Minister under section 52.811(2) of the PHA because the Minister is satisfied that this Order is no longer in the public interest; or
- (d) when this Order is terminated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council under section 52.811(1)(c) of the PHA.

DATED at Edmonton, Alberta this 25 day of March, 2020.



TYLER SHANDRO
MINISTER