

RECORD OF DECISION – CMOH Order 44-2020 which amends CMOH Order 42-2020 and rescinds CMOH Order 43-2020

Re: 2020 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 42-2020 on December 11, 2020 that sets out the measures in respect of private residences, private social gatherings, places of worship, masks, certain businesses and entities, group physical activity, group performance activity and work from one's private residence.

Whereas I made Record of Decision – CMOH Order 43-2020 on December 22, 2020 that amends CMOH Order 42-2020 to provide exceptions to certain measures for end-of-life visits and the provision of counselling services.

Whereas having determined that some of the measures in Record of Decision - CMOH Order 42-2020 require further modification, I hereby make the following Order that modifies Record of Decision – CMOH Order 42-2020 and rescinds CMOH Order 43-2020 for the purpose of consolidating the amendments in CMOH Order 43-2020 into one amending order:

Effective December 23, 2020, Record of Decision – CMOH Order 43-2020 is rescinded and Record of Decision – CMOH Order 42-2020 is amended as follows:

Part 2 – Private residences

Section 4 of Part 2 of Record of Decision – CMOH Order 42-2020 is amended by adding the following after subsection (i):

(j) to provide counselling services;

- (k) for a visit between a person who is at the end of their life (last four to six weeks, as determined by that person's primary health care provider) and a family member, friend, faith leader or other person as long as no more than three visitors enter the private residence of the dying person at one time.

Part 6 – Businesses and entities

Section 28 of Part 6 of Record of Decision - CMOH Order 42-2020 is amended by adding the following after subsection (j):

- (k) to provide counselling services.

Part 7 – Group physical activity

Section 38 of Part 7 of Record of Decision – CMOH Order 42-2020 is rescinded and the following is substituted in its place:

- 38(1) Subject to section 39 of this Order, all persons are prohibited from participating in an outdoor group physical activity, including but not limited to games of hockey, where:
 - (a) maintaining a minimum physical distance of 2 metres between all participants at all times is not possible;
 - (b) the outdoor group physical activity includes more than 10 persons.
- (2) For greater clarity, a person may participate in an outdoor group physical activity consisting of less than 10 persons if a minimum physical distance of 2 metres between all participants is maintained at all times.

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

Signed on this 23 day of December, 2020.


Deena Hinshaw, MD
Chief Medical Officer of Health