

April 28, 2020

Exemption – Flood Response Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo

Pursuant to the recommendations of to the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Alberta a public health emergency was declared in the Province of Alberta on March 17, 2020 pursuant to s. 52.1 of the Public Health Act of Alberta.

Further to that declaration of a public health emergency the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH), pursuant to her authority under s. 29(2.1) of the Public Health Act, made CMOH Order 07-2020 (the Order) identifying steps to prohibit persons from attending any location for any time period and subject to any conditions, any activity that could transmit an infectious agent as well as any other steps to lessen the impact of a public health emergency. A copy of the Order is attached for your reference.

Pursuant to Section 13 of the Order the CMOH may, notwithstanding anything else in the Order, exempt in writing persons or classes of persons from the Order on whatever terms are appropriate.

The Office of CMOH has received a request dated April 28, 2020 asking that certain individuals/classes of persons from the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo be exempt from the Order.

Pursuant to Section 13 of the Order I am satisfied that an exemption be granted from the Order for the following class of persons and upon the following conditions and recommendations:

- I. That persons who are engaged in flood suppression and prevention activities in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo are exempt from the following in CMOH Order 07-2020:
 - a. Paragraph 1 - the requirement that there be no gathering of more than 15 people in a group in an outside location; and
 - b. Paragraph 2 - the requirement that any persons gathering in an outdoor location must maintain a minimum of 2 metres distance from one another.
- II. That it is recommended that persons identified above who are exempted from CMOH Order 07-2020, Paragraph 2, wear appropriate personal protective equipment if it is available.

This exemption does not extend to limit or otherwise exempt persons in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo from any other orders or directives that require social distancing.

Although the persons/activities identified above are exempt per Section 13 of the Order as specified persons in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo should continue to follow appropriate hygiene, social distancing, and other measures identified by public health authorities to protect these persons and other Albertans from further transmission of COVID-19.

The exemption provided by this letter may be terminated or modified by the CMOH in writing without notice and for any reason as determined by the CMOH.
This exemption comes into effect on April 28, 2020

We trust this is satisfactory

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosure

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