

May 25, 2020

Re: Request for Exemption – Order 18-2020 and Order 19-2020 – Indoor Firearm Gun Ranges operated in Recreational or Entertainment Businesses or Entities

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 16, 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 18-2020 that identified businesses or entities allowed to offer goods and services at locations accessible to the public, except in the City of Calgary and the Town of Brooks, and CMOH Order 19-2020 that identified businesses or entities allowed to offer goods and services at locations accessible in the City of Calgary and the Town of Brooks, (the Orders) as well as any other steps to lessen the impact of a public health emergency when offering those goods or services. Copies of the Orders are attached for your reference.

Pursuant to Section 21 found in each of the Orders the CMOH may exempt in writing persons or classes of persons from the operation of the respective Orders.

The Office of CMOH has received requests that Recreational or Entertainment Businesses or Entities identified in Section 4 to Appendix A of each of the Orders be exempt from the Orders when providing indoor firearm gun range services to the public within a Recreational or Entertainment Business or Entity. Currently Recreational or Entertainment Businesses or Entities as per Section 4 of the Orders and Section 4 to Appendix A of the Orders are closed to the public and are not allowed to offer indoor firearms gun range services to the public.

Pursuant to Section 21 found in each of the Orders I am satisfied that an exemption be made allowing Recreational or Entertainment Businesses or Entities identified in Section 4 to Appendix A to offer indoor firearm gun range services to the public. As such the persons identified below are exempt from the provisions set out in Section 4 of the Orders and Section 4 of the Appendix A to the Orders when providing indoor firearm gun range services to the public subject to the following conditions:

- I. Recreational or Entertainment Businesses or Entities that provide indoor firearm gun range services and are in compliance with both the Workplace Guidance for Business Owners and Guidance for Shooting (Firearm) Ranges.

Although the persons identified above are exempt from Section 4 of the Orders and Section 4 of Appendix A to the Orders when offering indoor firearm gun range services to the public such persons should continue to promote 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.

Persons exempted from Section 4 of the Orders and Section 4 of Appendix A to the Orders are still subject to all other directions or other provisions as per the Orders.

The exemptions provided by this letter may be terminated or modified by the CMOH in writing without notice at any time and for any reason as determined by the CMOH.

This exemption comes into effect on May 25, 2020 and continues until terminated by the CMOH.

We trust this is satisfactory.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Deena", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Deena Hinshaw, BSc, MD, MPH, CCFP, FRCP
Chief Medical Officer of Health

Enclosure