

**January 12, 2021**

**Re: Request for Exemption – ORDER 42-2020 – NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL) – 2020/2021 RETURN TO PLAY – PRACTICES, TRAINING AND GAMEPLAY - TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF CALGARY, ALBERTA, COMMENCING JANUARY 13, 2021.**

Pursuant to the recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Alberta, a public health emergency was declared in the Province of Alberta on November 24, 2020 pursuant to section 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 section 29(2.1) of the *Public Health Act*, made CMOH Order 42-2020 (the Order) that identified businesses or entities allowed to offer goods and services at locations accessible to the public as well as any other steps to lessen the impact of a public health emergency when offering those goods or services.

Pursuant to section 47 of the Order the CMOH may exempt in writing persons or classes of persons from the operation of the Order.

The Office of the CMOH has received requests that certain individuals/classes of persons who are engaged in hockey related activities, on behalf of, or in relation to the 2020/21 National Hockey League's (NHL) Return to Play, to be held in the City of Calgary, have access to certain locations for the purpose of conducting these activities in locations that are currently not open to the public.

Currently pursuant to sections 34 and 35 of the Order persons who are not members of the same household are prohibited from participating in indoor group athletic activity and business or operators where these activities are typically provided are closed to the public as per sections 25 and 27 of the Order and Section 3 of Appendix A.

Pursuant to Section 47 of the Order I am satisfied that an exemption from sections 25 and 27 of the Order and Section 3 of Appendix A be granted to the following persons upon the following conditions:

- I. Individuals identified in Groups 1-4 in the NHL ARENA RESTART PROTOCOLS 2020/21 (Version 1 - December 2020) when engaged in

hockey related activities for the purposes of the 2020/21 NHL Return to Play, such as training, practice and gameplay; and

- II. NHL sanctioned media personnel and NHL scouting staff who are attending game play for the purposes of viewing and reporting hockey related activities; and
- III. The operators and staff of a business or entity that is an indoor gym, fitness centre, recreation centre or indoor arena to permit entry for the persons and the purposes described in paragraph I and II.
- IV. The persons identified in paragraphs I, II and III shall comply with all the requirements in the NHL ARENA RESTART PROTOCOLS 2020/21 (Version 1 - December 2020), inclusive of the COVID-19 Protocol, Club Travel Protocol and Positive Test Protocols, as applicable.
- V. The persons identified in paragraph III in addition to any complying with the requirements set out in paragraph IV shall also comply with any relevant Alberta Health guidance found on: <https://www.alberta.ca/biz-connect.aspx>.

Pursuant to Section 47 of the Order I am satisfied that an exemption from sections 34 and 35 be granted to the following persons upon the following conditions:

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- VI. NHL players, officials, coaches, training staff and on-ice staff who are not members of the same household when participating in indoor group physical activity.
  - VII. The exemption shall only apply when the persons identified in paragraph VI are involved in hockey related activities for the 2020/21 NHL Return to Play being held in Calgary, Alberta, in compliance all the requirements in the NHL ARENA RESTART PROTOCOLS 2020/21 (Version 1 – December 2020), inclusive of the COVID-19 Protocol, Club Travel Protocol and Positive Test Protocols, as applicable.

Although the persons/activities identified above are exempt per section 47 of the Order as specified, all persons who are identified in this exemption must continue to promote appropriate hygiene, physical distancing, and abide by other measures identified by public health authorities to protect these persons and other Albertans from further transmission of COVID-19.

The exemption 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 January 12, 2021.

We trust this is satisfactory.

Yours Sincerely,

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

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Chief Medical Officer of Health