

June 7, 2020

**Re: Request for Exemption – Order 18-2020 – EDMONTON OILERS HOCKEY CLUB – NHL HOCKEY PRACTICES AND TRAINING TO BE HELD IN EDMONTON, ALBERTA COMMENCING JUNE 8, 2020**

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 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 (the Order) 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, as well as any other steps to lessen the impact of a public health emergency when offering those goods or services. A copy of the Order is attached for your reference.

Pursuant to Section 21 of the Order the CMOH may exempt in writing persons or classes of persons from the operation of the Order.

The Office of CMOH has received requests that effective June 8, 2020 certain Recreational or Entertainment Businesses or Entities identified in Section 4 to Appendix A of the Order be exempt from the Order to allow persons who are participating in or facilitating practices and training in the City of Edmonton for players of the National Hockey League's (NHL) Edmonton Oilers.

Currently Recreational or Entertainment Businesses or Entities where such training is to occur are, as per Section 3 and Section 4 to Appendix A of the Order, closed to the public and are not allowed to offer services to the public.

Pursuant to Section 21 of the Order I am satisfied that effective June 8, 2020 an exemption from the Order be granted to the following premises and the following persons upon the following conditions:

- I. Rogers Place Arena including its hockey rink and any training, dining, conference, technical, or medical facilities located in or adjacent to Rogers Place Arena.
- II. The exempted facilities identified in paragraph I are limited to allowing access to the following persons in the City of Edmonton:
  - a. Employees, contractors, medical personnel (including athletic therapists) or executives of the Edmonton Oilers that are engaged in hockey practices, training, or facilitating these activities for the purpose of playing NHL hockey games at the exempted facilities;

- b. Persons whose presence is necessary for the purpose of broadcasting the practices or training activities of the Edmonton Oilers at the exempted facilities;
  - c. Persons whose presence is necessary to operate or maintain the exempted facilities where the practices or training of the Edmonton Oilers are occurring; and
  - d. Persons who do not fall into paragraph I(a), (b), (c) who are employees, contractors, or executives of the NHL or another NHL team whose presence is customary or necessary at practices or training held for NHL hockey teams.
- III. All persons identified in paragraph II are required to comply with the NHL's Return to Play guidelines while on the exempted premises.
- IV. All persons identified in paragraph II are further required to comply with any additional requirements which may be ordered by the CMOH and/or Alberta's Minister of Health.

Although the persons/activities identified above are exempt per Section 21 of the Order as specified your organization is subject to the 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 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 June 8, 2020.

We trust this is satisfactory

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosure