

# BULLETIN

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To all Authorized Employers of Community Peace Officer Level 1s and Alberta Peace Officer Level 2s Employed by the Ministry of Environment and Parks, Environmental Enforcement Services:

**Re: The Authority to Enforce the *Public Health Act* and Chief Medical Officer of Health's Orders**

After further consideration, the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General has determine that a new Ministerial Order pertaining to the enforcement of the Chief Medical Officer of Health's (CMOH) Orders through the *Public Health Act* (PHA) will be issued.

The newly signed Ministerial Order is 13/2021.

**Please note that as there is no current declared provincial state of emergency, section 13(1.1) of *the Peace Officer Act* cannot be used and therefore peace officers and their employers must consent to enforcing the CMOH's Orders through the PHA as per section 13(1) of the *Peace Officer Act*.**

Consequently, the decision to utilize this extended authority granted by the Ministerial Order is the authorized employers and their peace officers to determine.

There is no requirement for those authorized employers to submit their consent to the Peace Officer Program if they chose to enforce the CMOH's Orders through the PHA.

However, those choosing to enforce the CMOH's Orders, must start to report their enforcement activities once more in accordance to the direction provided in November 2020.

Please submit your enforcement activities to the Peace Officer Program via [poprogram@gov.ab.ca](mailto:poprogram@gov.ab.ca).

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at [sean.bonneteau@gov.ab.ca](mailto:sean.bonneteau@gov.ab.ca).

Sincerely,

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