RECORD OF DECISION—CMOH Order 04-2020 which amends CMOH Order 01-2020

Re: 2020 COVID-19 Response

Whereas I, Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) have initiated an investigation into the existence of COVID-19 within the Province of Alberta.

Whereas the investigation has confirmed that COVID-19 is present in Alberta and constitutes a public health emergency as a novel or highly infectious agent that poses a significant risk to public health.

Whereas under section 29(2.1) of the Public Health Act (the Act), I have the authority by order to prohibit a person from attending a location for any period and subject to any conditions that I consider appropriate, where I have determined that the person engaging in that activity could transmit an infectious agent. I also have the authority to take whatever other steps that are, in my opinion, necessary in order to lessen the impact of the public health emergency.


Whereas having further determined that it is necessary to modify Record of Decision - CMOH Order 01-2020 to allow essential services workers to have access to child care services so essential services workers can continue to engage in their profession, I hereby make the following Order which modifies my previous Record of Decision - CMOH Order 01-2020:

1. Effective March 23, 2020, and subject to the terms and conditions set out herein, persons may attend locations or premises where the following types of child care programs licensed under the Child Care Licensing Act are offered or provided:

   (a) a “day care program” as defined in the Child Care Licensing Regulation; and

   (b) an “out of school care program” as defined in the Child Care Licensing Regulation.

2. The specific locations and premises which may offer or provide the child care programs described in section 1 of this Order, must be determined at the sole discretion of the director of the Child Care Licensing Act.

3. Persons may only attend the locations and premises specified by the director as per section 2 of this Order, for the following purposes:

   (a) receiving, offering or providing the listed child care programs to a child/children of an essential services worker;

   (b) providing emergency health or safety services in the event of an emergency; or
(c) undertaking an inspection under the Child Care Licensing Act or the Public Health Act, as applicable.

4. The licence holder of a child care program described in section 1 of this Order must comply with Ministerial Order 02/2020, signed by the Minister of Children’s Services pursuant to section 52.1(2) of the Public Health Act.

5. CMOH Order 01-2020 remains in effect to the extent that it has not been modified by this Order.

6. This Order remains in effect until rescinded by the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Signed on this 20 day of March, 2020.

Deena Hinshaw, MD
Chief Medical Officer of Health

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