

March 12, 2021

Re: Request for Exemption – ORDER 05-2021 – ALBERTA JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE (AJHL) – 2020/2021 RETURN TO PLAY – REGULAR SEASON – TO BE HELD IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, COMMENCING MARCH 12, 2021.

Whereas the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) 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.

Whereas under section 29(2)(b)(i) of the *Public Health Act*, the CMOH may make an order pursuant to her authority under s. 29(2.1) of the *Public Health Act*.

Further to the above, the CMOH, pursuant to her authority under section 29(2.1) of the *Public Health Act*, made CMOH Order 04-2021 amended by CMOH Order 05-2021 (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 84 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 a request that certain individuals/classes of persons who are engaged in hockey related activities, on behalf of, or in relation to the 2020/21 Alberta Junior Hockey League (AJHL) Regular Season, to be held in Bonnyville, Brooks, Calgary, Camrose, Drayton Valley, Drumheller, Fort McMurray, Grande Prairie, Okotoks, Olds, Strathcona County, Spruce Grove, and Whitecourt, in locations for the purpose of conducting these activities in locations that are currently not open, or are open with conditions to the public.

Currently pursuant to sections 57 and 58 of the Order persons who are not part of the same household are prohibited from participating in high intensity indoor group athletic activity as described in those sections of the Order. Additionally, pursuant to section 54 of the Order persons are prohibited from attending an indoor location of a business or entity for the purpose of observing physical activity. Furthermore, businesses or business operators where the indoor group athletic activity activities and sporting events or competitions as described in sections 51, 52 and 53 of the Order are typically held are, also per section 42 of the Order and section 1 of Appendix A of the Order, not open

to the public and have certain restrictions concerning the distance persons or groups must stay apart when participating in physical activities.

Pursuant to section 84 of the Order I am satisfied that an exemption from sections 51, 52, 53, and 54 of the Order and section 9 of Appendix A of the Order be granted to the following persons upon the following conditions:

- I. Players, coaches, training staff and on-ice staff of the thirteen AJHL teams, as identified in Schedule A, when engaged in hockey related activities for the purposes of the 2020/21 AJHL Return to Play, such as training, practice and gameplay.
- II. AJHL sanctioned media personnel and AJHL sanctioned scouting staff who are attending game play for the purposes of viewing and reporting hockey related activities.
- III. The operators and staff of a business or entity, as identified in Schedule A, that is a business or entity as described in section 9 of Appendix A of the Order for the purpose of permitting or facilitating entry for the persons and the purposes described in paragraphs I and II.
- IV. The persons identified in paragraphs I, II and III shall comply with all the requirements in the ALBERTA JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOL (February 9 Version), as applicable.
- V. The persons identified in paragraph III in addition to any complying with the requirements sets 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 84 of the Order I am satisfied that an exemption from sections 42, 57 and 58 of the Order and section 1 of Appendix A of the Order be granted to the following persons upon the following conditions:

- VI. AJHL 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 AJHL Return to Play being held in the Province of Alberta, in compliance with all the requirements in the ALBERTA JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOL (February 9 Version), as applicable.

Although the persons/activities identified above are exempt per section 84 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 March 12, 2021.

We trust this is satisfactory.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Deena Hinshaw". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "H".

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

Enclosure

SCHEDULE A

AJHL Team	Arena Name	Arena Address
Bonnyville	RJ Lalonda Arena	4313 50th Ave, Bonnyville, AB
Brooks	Centennial Regional Arena	144071 Silver Sage Road, Brooks, AB
Calgary	Max Bell Centre	1001 Barlow Trail SE, Calgary AB
Calgary	Father David Bauer Arena	2224 University Drive NW, Calgary, AB
Camrose	Edgeworth Centre	452 - 53rd Street, Camrose, AB
Drayton Valley	Drayton Valley Omniplex	5737 - 45 Ave, Drayton Valley, AB
Drumheller	Drumheller Memorial Arena	20 - 1st Ave West, Drumheller, AB
Fort McMurray	CentreFire Place	110 Eymundson Road, Fort McMurray, AB
Grande Prairie	Revolution Arena	10017 - 99 Ave, Grande Prairie, AB
Okotoks	Pason Centennial Arena	204 Community Way, Okotoks, AB
Olds	Olds Sportsplex	5133 - 52nd Street, Olds, AB
Sherwood Park	Sherwood Park Arena	2015 Oak Street, Sherwood Park, AB
Spruce Grove	Grant Fuhr Arena	452 King Street, Spruce Grove, AB
Whitecourt	Scott Safety Centre	72 Sunset Blvd, Whitecourt, AB