

RE: Ticketing Order NR for Review

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Sent: September 20, 2020 12:29:26 PM PDT
Attachments: NR EPA Update Ticketing V2 BE.docx

Hi Jean-Marc.

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See attached for some minor comments on the NR.

Thanks.

Brian

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Thanks.^{s.14}

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On Sep 18, 2020, at 6:31 PM, Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Pls see attached ... SolGen to announce penalties for food and liquor order violations.

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Subject: FW: Ticketing Order NR for Review
Importance: High

Hi Heath,

Can you please get the attached reviewed by your program?

Likely going on Monday.

Thanks,
JT

From: Turner, Jordan GCPE:EX
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Subject: Ticketing Order NR for Review
Importance: High

Hi Lori,

Heather and Erin were able to review right away and only had a few minor changes.

Attached for approval. I will send to Health for review as well.

Thanks,

Jordan Turner
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NEWS RELEASE

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September 21, 2020

Emergency Management BC
Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor
General

Province introduces additional measures to enforce COVID-19 public safety

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Effective immediately, the expanded measures are enacted under the provincial state of emergency, using the extraordinary powers of the Emergency Program Act (EPA) in ongoing support of B.C.'s COVID-19 response and economic recovery plan.

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In addition to previously announced ticketing measures on gatherings and events, the measures announced today include the following provisions, which are now subject to ticketing and enforcement:

- The holding of any event in a banquet hall is prohibited.
- Nightclubs must cease operating as nightclubs.^{s.13}
- Background music or other background sounds, such as from televisions, must be no louder than the volume of normal conversation.
- Liquor sales for onsite consumption must cease by 10:00 p.m.
- Unless a full meal service is provided, premises must close by 11:00 p.m. and all patrons must vacate the premises. If a full meal service is provided, premises may stay open, but liquor must not be served until 11:00 a.m. the following day.
- Liquor must not be consumed on premises by owners, operators or staff after 11:00 p.m.
- Liquor service at private events must cease at 10 p.m.
- If food or liquor serving premises hold private events like wedding receptions, the same rules that hotels and other venues must follow apply to these premises.

The enforcement focus will continue to be on \$2,000 fines to owners, operators and organizers for contraventions of the PHO's orders. Individual patrons may be levied with \$200 fines.

In addition to enabling action from police, the Province is enlisting compliance and enforcement staff from provincial ministries to support enforcement and help issue tickets **s.13**. This includes liquor, cannabis and gaming inspectors, community safety unit inspectors, and conservation officers.

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Violation tickets expand the Province's **compliance and** enforcement toolkit to support the COVID-19 response. Police and other provincial **compliance and** enforcement officers will independently exercise discretion to issue tickets for EPA order violations under the Offence Act's Violation Ticket Administration and Fines Regulation (VTAFR).

If violation tickets do not act as a deterrent, or in cases of particularly egregious contraventions or for repeat offenders, police can recommend charges in relation to the offence.

Working in partnership with local governments and other agencies, a comprehensive and integrated compliance and enforcement regime **has** been built to manage the recent surge in COVID-19 cases. These violation tickets build on existing tools, such as the ability to suspend or revoke the business or liquor licenses of problematic operators.

Quick Facts:

- The specifics around orders of the Provincial Health officer (PHO), including the numbers allowable at gatherings **and events**, will continue to be set at the direction of the PHO.
- To report concerns around order violations from event organizers, venues or individuals, contact your local government's bylaw office. Local bylaw officers can help follow-up on concerns, and engage the Unified Command Centre, police departments, health officers and WorkSafe-BC as necessary. If unable to reach a local bylaw office, contact your local police department's non-emergency line.

Learn More:

- The August 21, 2020 News Release on ticketing measures for gatherings and events is available at the following link: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PSSG0046-001568>
- PHO orders are available here: www.gov.bc.ca/phoguidance
- For recommendations on protecting yourself and your community – including for employers, businesses, schools and those planning events for fewer than 50 people – visit: [http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-\(novel\)](http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-(novel))
- For a list of Provincial Health Officer orders visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

- For more information on non-medical issues like travel recommendations and how to manage social isolation, visit www.gov.bc.ca/COVID-19
- Learn more about B.C.'s economic recovery planning: <http://gov.bc.ca/recoveryideas>
- For information on BC's Restart Plan, visit: www.gov.bc.ca/RestartBC
- Learn more about industry-specific guidance and resources: <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates/covid-19-returning-safe-operation>
- For information on federal and provincial government supports available to individuals, families, businesses and organizations, visit: www.gov.bc.ca/covidgovernmentbenefits
- For more information and latest medical updates on COVID-19, follow the BC Centre for Disease Control on Twitter @CDCofBC or visit its website: <http://www.bccdc.ca>

Contacts:

For non-medical information relating to COVID-19:

Visit: www.gov.bc.ca/COVID19

Email: servicebc@gov.bc.ca

Or call: 1 888 COVID-19

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RE: Follow-up: Questions from the Opposition re ceasing alcohol sales at 10 pm

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To: Patterson, Catherine M HLTH:EX <Catherine.Patterson@gov.bc.ca>, Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Thompson, Laurel HLTH:EX <Laurel.Thompson@gov.bc.ca>, Rongve, Ian HLTH:EX <Ian.Rongve@gov.bc.ca>, Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: September 21, 2020 9:33:37 AM PDT
Attachments: image001.jpg

Good morning.

Further to this request from MLA Letnick for “the scientific reasoning behind doing this [why bars have to stop serving liquor after 10pm] for all of BC rather than just the lower mainland where the problem is”, here are some points that will hopefully be of assistance.

First and foremost, the scientific evidence is clear that problem is not just in the lower mainland. We have had significant exposure and transmission events in the Okanagan during the summer due to the same factors – liquor fueled risky behaviour and over-enthusiastic social mingling. There is no scientific reason to think that exposure events associated with liquor consumption could not happen anywhere in BC, given the widespread distribution of the virus, the widespread use of alcohol, and the ongoing physical movement of people throughout the province and from other provinces.

The other scientific reasoning is that with schools and post-secondary institutions opening up throughout the province, and with increasing amount of time that people will be spending indoors, we know there will be increased transmission of virus. Education is essential for the health of children and young people and the progress of society. As such scaling back risky social mingling which occurs in settings where alcohol is consumed is a precautionary measure that will hopefully reduce these opportunities for virus transmission so that we can successfully open up these essential services. It is a matter of balancing allowing essential social interaction with non-essential social interaction.

Another important scientific fact to support these restrictions province wide is that the increase in disease transmission in younger people is directly correlated to increased transmission to older people who are at much greater risk of serious disease, complications and death. The evidence for this in BC is the increase in numbers of hospitalizations, and increase in people who are in intensive and critical care units following the increase in case numbers. Again there is no scientific reason to think that this would be a lower mainland phenomenon if cases increase substantially further.

Lastly it is clear from the science that the case numbers and hospitalization we are seeing now are a reflection of exposures and illnesses acquired up to two weeks ago. Cases that we see in the future will be driven by exposures happening now. Hence it is important to take actions now that anticipate increases and head them off, if possible. Again with increasing case numbers there is increased risk of spread throughout the province which justifies province wide application of such measures.

Hope this is helpful.

Brian

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Subject: Follow-up: Questions from the Opposition

Good morning Brian,

Further to Holly's note below, do you have additional information that can be provided as per the highlight.

With thanks,

Catherine

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Cc: Thompson, Laurel HLTH:EX <Laurel.Thompson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: For Response: Questions from the Opposition

Thank you all for this. Do we have any further information for #2? As Norm stated in his original request he acknowledged receiving the response from Bonnie that you attached but is looking for scientific reasoning behind doing this for all of BC rather than just the lower mainland where the problem is.

Holly

From: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>
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Cc: Thompson, Laurel HLTH:EX <Laurel.Thompson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: For Response: Questions from the Opposition

Hi Ian and Holly.

Further to the requests below, wrt #2 Bonnie responded to the same request from MLA Norm Letnick earlier this week (see attached).

For #3 there is no "response letter to banquet halls, shutting them down". The order to prohibit banquet halls from holding events was issued orally at Bonnie's press conference on September 8, and published on the website today (see <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-order-gatherings-events.pdf>).

I am not exactly sure what is being asked in #4, but the current and archived exposures listed on the VCH website provide a good indication of how widespread has been the problem in these settings (see <http://www.vch.ca/covid-19/public-exposures>).

Thanks.

Brian

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Subject: FW: For Response: Questions from the Opposition
Importance: High

Hi Brian,

Are you able to address the below in Haley's absence? Bonnie is currently on a flight/in transit.

Thanks,
Laurel Thompson | *Executive Coordinator*
Office of the Provincial Health Officer, Ministry of Health

From: Rongve, Ian HLTH:EX <Ian.Rongve@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: FW: For Response: Questions from the Opposition

These questions

From: Brook, Katrina J HLTH:EX <Katrina.Brook@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: September 18, 2020 2:29 PM
To: Rongve, Ian HLTH:EX <Ian.Rongve@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: For Response: Questions from the Opposition

As requested, please see below.

From: Brook, Katrina J HLTH:EX
Sent: September 18, 2020 1:22 PM
To: Thompson, Laurel HLTH:EX <Laurel.Thompson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: For Response: Questions from the Opposition

Hi Laurel,

Holly Moulton in the DMO provided ADM Rongve with the questions below from the opposition which are requiring a rush response. He can answer number one, and had asked me to send 2,3 and 4 to Haley Miller. Unfortunately she's out of office today, is there someone else in the PHO who might be able to provide a response today to these questions?

Any information you could provide would be appreciated.

Thank you,



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Subject: Fwd: Questions from the Opposition

I will answer #1. Can you send 2, 3 and 4 to the pho. Typically we send to Haley miller

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX" <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>
Date: September 18, 2020 at 12:47:19 PM PDT
To: "Rongve, Ian HLTH:EX" <Ian.Rongve@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Questions from the Opposition

Hi Ian,

Questions from the Opposition:

1. What is the name of the company producing the new BC tests public? And what is it?
2. A written explanation of why bars have to stop serving liquor after 10pm (he says he received this from Bonnie, and is now asking for the scientific reasoning behind doing this for all of BC rather than just the lower mainland where the problem is)
3. A copy of our response letter to banquet halls, shutting them down.
4. "Members of my caucus have spoken to a number of bar and restaurant owners, individual and chains. The don't have any numbers in staff, patrons, or tracking calls on covid. Im not sure to whom I should address the ask so perhaps you can help us and track down the evidence used to support these latest measures please?" (I am trying to find out what he is referring to with this ask)

RE: Halloween

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To: XT:HLTH Kosatsky, Tom <tom.kosatsky@bccdc.ca>
Cc: Gustafson, Reka [BCCDC] <reka.gustafson@phsa.ca>
Sent: September 24, 2020 6:53:17 PM PDT
Attachments: 4a. PHAC_Halloween Web_2020.09.23 for SAC.docx

Thanks Tom,

We have been working on a national guidance doc and it would be a good start I believe.

My best,

Bonnie

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I gratefully acknowledge that I live and work on the traditional unceded territory of the Lekwungen Peoples, specifically the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations. Hay'sxw'qu Si'em

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Subject: Halloween

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Hi Bonnie,

Members of the BC Health Protection Council (s.22) have offered to advise on messaging for a COVID-safe Hallowe'en. If they/we can help, happy to get it together for mid-October.

Best

Tom

Dr. Tom Kosatsky

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Halloween during the COVID-19 pandemic

Incorporating public health measures into your Halloween celebrations is important and will help communities prevent and limit the spread of COVID-19.

On this page

- [Follow advice from your public health authority](#)
- [General advice during the season](#)
- [Trick-or-treating](#)
- [Giving out treats](#)
- [Decorating](#)
- [Events and parties](#)

Follow advice from your public health authority

Continue to follow advice from your local [public health authority](#). They will make recommendations and decisions around Halloween festivities, including limitations or cancellation if required. These recommendations and decisions will be based upon local rates of disease transmission and public health measures in effect, like gathering size limits.

General advice during the season

No matter how you are celebrating, always [assess your personal level of risk](#) and take the following actions to help protect yourself and others.

Stay at home and away from others if you or someone in your household:

- has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or is waiting hear the results of a lab test for COVID-19
- has been in close contact with someone who has or is suspected to have COVID-19
- feel sick or have any [symptoms of COVID-19](#)
- [returned from travel outside Canada within the past 14 days](#)
- are in [quarantine](#) or [isolation](#)

[Always follow advice from your local public health authority.](#)

Physical Distancing

- Avoid large groups and crowded places. Stick with your consistent in-person bubble.
- Keep a [physical distance](#) of at least 2 m (approximately 2-arms lengths) from those not a part of your consistent in-person bubble.

Respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene

- [Clean your hands often:](#)

- with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or with [hand sanitizer](#) containing at least 60% alcohol if soap and water aren't available.
 - before and after handling your non-medical mask or face covering, after touching any frequently touched surfaces like doorbells or knobs, after returning home, and before and after handling packaging, and before eating.
- Cough and sneeze into a tissue or into your sleeve, and clean your hands immediately afterwards.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

Other ways to protect yourself and others

- Wear a [non-medical mask or face covering](#) when you can't [physically distance](#) from those outside of your consistent in-person bubble.
 - Children under 2 years of age, those unable to remove masks without assistance, and those with trouble breathing shouldn't wear a mask.
- Regularly [clean and disinfect](#) anything any surface that trick-or-treaters may come into contact with like doorbells, hand rails and door knobs.

If you are [at risk of more severe disease or outcomes from COVID-19](#), consider whether and how you can safely celebrate the season.

Trick-or-treating

For those trick-or-treating door-to-door:

- if you or someone in your household is feeling unwell or [meets any of these other conditions](#), stay home and away from others
- trick-or-treat outdoors as much as possible
- when appropriate, wear a [non-medical mask or face covering](#)
 - be creative and build it into your costume, but know that a costume mask is not a substitute for a non-medical mask or face covering, and that a costume mask should not be worn over a non-medical mask or face covering because it can be dangerous if the costume mask makes it hard to breathe
- trick-or-treat with your consistent in-person bubble
- don't gather on or crowd doorsteps
 - take turns one at a time and stay [2 m](#) away from others
- keep interactions brief with those giving out treats
- avoid using your hands to ring doorbells or knock on doors, and avoid high-touch surfaces and objects
 - consider using your foot to gently "knock" on the door
- don't sing or shout for your treats
- only trick-or-treat at places that are clearly celebrating
 - signs of participation include a lit porch light, a lit jack-o-lantern or decorations
- only trick-or-treat at places where you feel comfortable that safety measures are being taken

- [clean your hands](#) often, especially before and after handling your non-medical mask or face covering, after touching frequently touched surfaces, when you arrive home from trick-or-treating, and before and after handling or eating treats
 - help younger children understand how to wash their hands properly with our video on [handwashing heroes](#)
- there is no need to clean or disinfect pre-packaged treats; however, it is important [clean your hands](#) before and after handling packaging, and before eating treats

For those trick-or-treating indoors or at other indoor events or gatherings:

If you trick-or-treat in indoor spaces, such as shopping malls and apartment buildings, you may be required to wear a [non-medical mask or face covering](#). Follow the advice of your local [public health authority](#) on the use of non-medical masks or face coverings and other restrictions related to indoor gatherings.

In indoor spaces, it is even more important to maintain [physical distancing](#) and to keep encounters brief with those who aren't part of your consistent in-person bubble.

Giving out treats

If you or someone in your household are feeling unwell or [meets any of these conditions](#), your household shouldn't participate in Halloween festivities.

- Indicate you aren't participating by:
 - turning off porch lights
 - not lighting a jack-o-lantern
 - not putting out decorations
 - not answering the door
 - putting a friendly sign on your porch or door that indicates you are not participating this year.
- To help maintain and encourage physical distancing, you may want to:
 - sit outside your door or in your laneway to welcome trick-or-treaters
 - if you're unable to sit outside to hand out treats you should [clean and disinfect](#) doorbells and knobs, handrails, and any other high touch surface often during the evening
 - keep interactions with trick-or-treaters short and encourage them to move along after receiving their treat from you.
- Wear a [non-medical mask or face covering](#) when physical distancing of 2 m cannot be consistently maintained
 - if you're dressing up, consider including it as part of your costume.
- Don't leave treats in a bucket or bowl for children to grab.
- Consider using tongs, a hockey stick, or other similar tool to hand out treats.
- Give out only purchased and pre-packaged treats.
- Don't ask trick-or-treaters to sing or shout for their treats.

- [Clean your hands](#) often throughout the evening using soap and water and washing for 20 seconds or with hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol. The use of gloves isn't recommended.

Decorating for the season

- When shopping for your pumpkin, maintain touchless shopping practices where possible.
- Avoid interactive decorations.
- Avoid decorations that can cause coughing, such as smoke machines.

Events and parties

Before attending or hosting a Halloween event or party, consider the risks and make informed choices to keep yourself, your family and your community safe. To help limit and prevent the spread of COVID-19, avoid traveling to events that are not in your community if you live in an area with higher rates of disease transmission. You should adhere to local public health guidelines on gathering sizes.

If you are planning on hosting or attending a haunted house event, opt for open-air and one-way walkthroughs to limit crowding and close contacts. If hosting, avoid using props that can cause coughing, such as smoke machines, to limit droplet spread. You will want to be particularly diligent with maintaining physical distancing and to wearing a mask when you can't remain 2 m from others. Screaming is inevitable and as such can generate droplets, so be sure not to crowd with others who are not part of your consistent in-person bubble.

If attending an event or party puts you at higher risk of getting COVID-19, consider avoiding it this year. You may want to avoid using alcohol or drugs, which can cloud judgement and put you and others at increased risk of COVID-19 if public health measures are not adhered to. Refer to our advice on [going out](#).

Share these awareness resources to help spread the word on how to be safe when going out:

- [COVID-19: Is going to a party really worth it? \(video\)](#)
- [Our actions matter, help limit the spread of COVID-19 \(video\)](#)
- [Going out safely during COVID-19 \(poster\)](#)

Related links

- [Halloween safety](#)

Commented [JL1]: For discussion with SAC or whether to include a statement on making haunted houses safer or to make a statement discouraging them this year.

Re: Tla'amin funeral protocols

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Sent: September 25, 2020 11:43:04 AM PDT
Attachments: Tla'amin Funeral Protocol page 2 200925.jpg, Tla'amin Funeral Protocol 200925.jpg

Thanks that is really helpful and respectful
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On Sep 25, 2020, at 10:25 AM, Behn Smith, Daniele HLTH:EX
<Daniele.BehnSmith@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Bonnie,
Just wanted to share that I learned about Tla'amin's funeral protocols which are posted on their FB page as of yesterday.
It seems they are trying to really hard to support CMs to prevent further spread of COVID-19 via gatherings and I thought you might be interested in their framing.
Thx,
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Message from Tla'amin Legislature re: Funeral Services Grieving & Loss - and Protecting those you Love

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FW: Follow-up: BC Ferries and COVID-19

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To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 6, 2020 11:11:58 AM PDT
Attachments: Attachment A - Resumption of Service Above the 50% Limitation.pdf,
Attachment B - Service Restoration Protocol (2).pdf

Hi Bonnie

A not from MOTI. Are you responding to TC?

From: Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX <Deborah.Bowman@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: October 6, 2020 8:24 AM

To: Rongve, Ian HLTH:EX <Ian.Rongve@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Richter, Kevin J TRAN:EX <Kevin.Richter@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: Follow-up: BC Ferries and COVID-19

Importance: High

Good morning Ian,

Please see attached and below from Transport Canada sent last Friday to Dr. Henry as a response to a conference call that was held with her last week regarding BC Ferries and passengers staying in cars/commercial vehicles on enclosed car decks.

I've just received a call from Robert Dick and he's inquiring about the email, having not received any acknowledgement from Dr. Henry yet.

Might I ask you to check in with her about this? T/C is on stand by should Dr. Henry wish to discuss the matter further.

Your help is appreciated, thanks Ian, db

From: Dick, Robert <Robert.Dick@tc.gc.ca>

Sent: October 2, 2020 4:04 PM

To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX <Deborah.Bowman@gov.bc.ca>; Gascon, Julie <Julie.Gascon@tc.gc.ca>; Trager, Diana <Diana.Trager@tc.gc.ca>

Subject: Follow-up: BC Ferries and COVID-19

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Dr. Henry,

Thank you once again for taking time to discuss safety measures aboard BC Ferries with Transport Canada earlier this week.

Subsequent to that call, we discussed the key concerns we heard from you – risks presented by commercial drivers who had been in the United States to crew and passengers; emphasis on ensuring that physical distancing as a the most effective measure could be achieved, noting the risks associated with enclosed spaces – and BC Ferries has responded with additional measures they intend to implement rapidly. The correspondence from BCF setting out their layered approach to risk management is below, and their full operational plans to address COVID-19 are attached. For ease of reference, the specific additional measures to address the risks you identified are:

- Ticket booth agents to ask commercial drivers whether visited US in past 14 days, if yes, then advise driver to report to chief steward so that he can be put into a designated (isolated) spot onboard
- Foot passengers to be directed to remain in seats until gangway down and doors open to prevent clumping at the entry/egress point of the vessel

We do not wish to presume that the risk areas you referenced on our call were exhaustive, nor that these new actions will fully address your concerns; I would, therefore, propose to organize a meeting with you or whomever you designate from your team, Transport Canada Marine Safety, and officials from the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure so that BC Ferries executives may brief on the details of their plans, and answer any questions. Please let me know how you would like to proceed.

Additionally, you will recall Deputy Minister Michael Keenan's commitment to collaborate with you on next steps with respect to cruise ships. The Interim Order banning their operation in Canadian waters expires October 31.

Transport Canada Marine Safety and Security is preparing to brief and seek views on options and considerations at the Special Advisory Committee on COVID-19, potentially as early as next Thursday. We would be happy to brief you in advance, or to engage in a more detailed conversation with you following SAC. Do you have a preference? We look forward to hearing from you – and I do hope you are able to enjoy at least a little bit of this weekend sunshine and warmth while it lasts!

Robert

Robert Dick

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From: Trager, Diana

Sent: Friday, October 02, 2020 12:59 PM

To: Dick, Robert <Robert.Dick@tc.gc.ca>; Wilson, John <John.Wilson@tc.gc.ca>; Gascon, Julie <Julie.Gascon@tc.gc.ca>; Tremblay, Luc <luc.tremblay@tc.gc.ca>

Subject: FW: BC Ferries and COVID-19

Just received submission from BC Ferries.

From: Johnston, Darren [<mailto:Darren.Johnston@bcferries.com>]

Sent: Friday, October 02, 2020 12:47 PM

To: Trager, Diana <Diana.Trager@tc.gc.ca>

Cc: Storey, Corrine <Corrine.Storey@bcferries.com>

Subject: BC Ferries and COVID-19

Diana,

As discussed, the following is a summary of BC Ferries action in response to COVID-19 and specifically with respect to the recent developments related to the closed car deck issue.

Introduction:

BC Ferries is currently operating under Transport Canada Interim Order No.3 Respecting Passenger Vessel Restrictions Due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The purpose of this note is to explain the measures that BC Ferries has taken to comply with this Interim Order and other orders and guidance issued by the Province of BC, the Provincial Health Office, the Public health Agency of Canada and WorkSafeBC.

Background:

On March 16th 2020, Transport Canada provided temporary flexibility for ferry operators to allow passengers to remain in their cars on closed decks due to the COVID-19 situation and on April 4th Ship Safety Bulletin (Measures to Mitigate the Spread of COVID-19 on board Passenger Vessels and Ferries) was issued. Specifically, this bulletin mandated the following:

- Immediately reduce by 50% the maximum number of passengers that may be carried on board; OR
- If no reduction in passengers, implement alternative practices to reduce the spread of COVID-19 as set out in the bulletin

Actions taken by BC Ferries:

On April 6th BC Ferries issued a COVID-19 Directive implementing both the 50% passenger reduction and the alternative practices regime, to be put in effect concurrently, on all large passenger ferries in the Fleet. The alternative practices included passenger screening, physical distancing and requesting passengers to remain in their vehicles wherever possible and these measures remained in place throughout April and May.

As the province began to gradually re-open during May and June BC Ferries vehicle traffic began to return from lows of 85% below the normal to approximately 50% below seasonal averages. With reduced sailings and increasing ridership, on June 24th BC Ferries issued a COVID-19 Directive (see attachment A) implementing safety measures to permit vessels to carry passenger loads above the 50% limit. This was done in consultation with Transport Canada and the Provincial Government. The revised passenger limits varied from vessel to vessel but did not exceed 70% of the maximum capacity.

The decision to exceed 50% was taken carefully and only following the implementation of a number of additional measures that are outlined in the BC Ferries COVID-19 Service Restoration Protocol (see Attachment B).

Maximum Occupancy Calculations:

The process that was used to establish the new (i.e. above 50%) passenger limits is summarised in the bullet points below:

- Schematic (technical) drawings of each vessel lounge/cafe/tertia were analysed and each passenger was allocated a 'spot' with an associated 1m radius
- The 1m radius drawings were checked by onboard staff to ensure practicality (i.e. the number of available spots were reduced based on staff comments such as "No passengers would ever use that spot because it is in front of the washroom door")
- The assumption was made that 25% of vehicle deck passengers could at any given time be off the car decks and taking up allocated spots (1m radius) in the lounges and cafeterias
- Final calculations were made factoring in staff reductions and vehicle deck passengers coming (25%) up to arrive at accurate foot passenger limits and overall vessel occupancy limits
- The overall passenger limits were published internally and were in effect through the summer peak season without incident

Changes to the CFTR-152 (Closed Car Deck) Temporary Flexibility:

In early July BC Ferries was advised by Transport Canada that the temporary flexibility to allow passengers to remain on closed car decks would end in September. On August 7th BC Ferries submitted a detailed submission to Transport Canada requesting an extension of the temporary flexibility however the date of re-implementation was only adjusted from September 15th to September 30th. With this direction given, BC Ferries conducted a complete re-assessment of our onboard capacity in comparison with anticipated passenger levels after September 30th. The process resulted in the following:

- Shoulder and Off-Peak traffic levels were assessed (with COVID-19 adjustments)
- Main (closed) car deck utilisation levels were carefully evaluated and it was determined that, on average, passenger levels on closed decks would be approximately 50% of the summer peak levels
- All vessel passenger lounge spaces were re-evaluated and additional space (e.g. Seawest Lounges) have been made available to provide more space for physical distancing
- Seating plans have been adjusted and now mirror airport lounge style seat allocation (previously entire rows of seats had been designated 'off limits' with red tape) which increases available seats from 30% to 60%
- Wearing of face masks has now been made mandatory on all BC Ferries vessels

Following this re-analysis, it was concluded that on the majority of our major vessels the overall passenger limits did not need to change as the additional passengers moving up off the closed car decks could be safely absorbed in the passenger lounge and cafeteria areas with the exception of our Salish Class vessels and the Queen of Alberni and Queen of New Westminster. These vessels have had their occupancy limits adjusted downwards.

New proposed measures:

The following additional measures are proposed to further mitigate virus spread after September 30th:

- Ticket booth agents to ask commercial drivers whether visited US in past 14 days, if yes, then advise driver to report to chief steward so that he can be put into a designated (isolated) spot onboard
- Foot passengers to be directed to remain in seats until gangway down and doors open to prevent clumping at the entry/egress point of the vessel

Conclusion:

BC Ferries has responded with the utmost diligence to each phase of the evolving COVID-19 pandemic. The current and proposed measures are considered, after careful review, to be adequate to meet both the requirements of CFTR-152 and Interim Order No.3.

If you have any further questions please contact me directly.

Regards,

Darren Johnston

Executive Director, Fleet Operations

BC Ferries

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Operations Directive

June 24, 2020
OD2020-07

RESUMPTION OF SERVICE ABOVE THE 50% LIMITATION

Overview

During the outbreak of COVID-19, Transport Canada issued an interim order which outlined measures to mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus on passenger vessels and ferries. These measures include a number of tactics around hygiene and physical distancing. Specifically, Transport Canada included the following wording as it relates to physical distancing on our ferries:

- Immediately reduce by 50% the maximum number of passengers that may be carried on board (conduct half-load voyages); or
- If no reduction in passengers, implement alternative practices to reduce the spread of COVID-19 as set out in this bulletin (consistent with Public Health Agency of Canada guidelines) among passengers on board their vessels.

BC Ferries immediately implemented the option of limiting passengers by 50%; a limitation that has been adequate for the significant drop in demand during the early part of this pandemic. Traffic demand is now increasing as the province lifts restrictions around travel and gatherings. BC Ferries needs to be ready to accept these higher traffic levels in the coming weeks and months.

Throughout the past few weeks, a significant amount of planning has gone into return to service initiatives. This includes a careful examination of our business and the implementation of many new alternative practices. The return to service plan has been reviewed by Transport Canada and has been approved to phase out the 50% passenger limitation model and shift to higher passenger loads using our alternative practices.

What are Some Examples of Alternative Practices?

Alternative practices can be described as new processes, equipment, control measures, directions, signage and messaging that are meant to limit the spread of COVID-19 on board our vessels and terminals. Examples are,

- Requesting or mandating the requirement to have and use a face covering
- Health screening questions on routes over 30 minutes
- Cleaning regimes that meet or exceed national and provincial health guidelines
- Messaging and signage about BC Ferries policies and procedures, including remaining in vehicles when possible
- A limited resumption of food services, including certain restrictions in serveries and table seating
- Plexi-glass barriers for crew and passengers in key locations
- Seating plans and plan-o-grams outlining physical distancing and space allocations where people can sit, move around or stand in lines ups
- A detailed review of the usable passenger space on board each vessel and in each terminal to determine an occupancy table. On board vessels, this will determine a new:
 - Total Passenger Limit (TPL)
 - Foot Passenger Limitation (FPL)

THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL DECEMBER 22, 2020

Operations Directive

Resumption of Service to Above 50% Checklist

To load above the 50% limitation, vessels and terminals on that route must first ensure the following items have been completed:

- ☑ Site Safety Plans are completed and posted at each worksite, including the Return to Services Checklists - On Board or Terminal
- ☑ Vessels have been informed of their new TPL/FPL
- ☑ Terminals have been informed of:
 - ✓ The occupancy limitations for the terminal, including holding areas
 - ✓ The TPL/FPL for each vessel and on which crew profile it applies
- ☑ There must be a process in place to:
 - ✓ Limit the number of foot passengers to the vessels' FPL
 - Major terminals will use TAS using the attached *Adjusting Foot Passenger Count Limits in TAS*
 - Minor/Intermediate terminals where passengers are provided boarding passes, will use TracR for the Ticket Agent to manually manage the FPL
 - Terminals where passengers are not provided boarding passes, will be managed manually by the vessel's crew using a staged boarding process. The loading sequence starts with foot passengers and after foot passengers reach 75% of available FPL capacity, loading is to be temporarily halted. The remaining foot passengers are loaded up to the FPL after the vehicles are loaded
 - ✓ Limit the total passenger count to either the new TPL or the vessels' Minimum Safe Manning (MSM) operational crew profile; whichever is lower
 - Refer to the attached *On Board Occupancy Tables* to determine what the total number of passengers or foot passengers a vessel can load
 - TAS and TracR will have the new TPL loaded into the system for the MSM licenses to which it applies
 - There is no requirement for a 2% buffer on sailings that are using a TPL for the maximum passenger count
 - There is no requirement to reduce the TPL when the crew count exceeds the base crew profiles; unless this increases the total persons on board to above what is stated in the Transport Canada MSM certificate being used
- ☑ Ensure all lines of business are informed that a route is going to begin loading above 50%
 - ✓ Customer Care
 - ✓ Marine Superintendent/Terminal Superintendent
 - ✓ Operations & Security Centre Duty Marine Superintendent
 - ✓ Public Affairs, Marketing & Customer Experience
 - ✓ Emergency Operations Centre (EOC)

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Operational Requirement

Each operational team on the route must put in place the requirements found within the attached *Resumption of Service to Above 50% Checklist*. Once the checklist is completed, the route may begin loading to the new passenger limitations.

Implementation

The implementation schedule is listed below. For specific route approvals, each routes leadership team, led by the Marine Superintendent, is to forward the completed checklist to the EOC Fleet Operations representative Jan Brockhausen by email at jan.brockhausen@bcferries.com

- Sunday June 21, 2020
 - Route 2 & 3 began the pilot on this process
- Friday June 26, 2020
 - Route 1, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 28 & 30
- Thursday July 2, 2020
 - All other routes

Regards and stay safe,

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Darren Johnston
Executive Director, Fleet Operations

Attachments: *On Board Occupancy Tables*
 Resumption of Services to Above 50% Checklist
 Adjusting Foot Passenger Count Limits in TAS

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Ship / Class	Passenger Limitation required to maintain 2m physical distancing <small>When a ship sails on a crew profile where the Buffer is lower than the Total Passenger Limit, use the Buffer.</small>	Minimum Safe Manning (MSM) crew profile <small>Never exceed the foot passenger limitation, regardless of the crew profile.</small>	MSM Licenses Notes
Spirit Class		Lic. Total Crew Passengers (Pax w/ Buffer) TPL FPL	
		A 2100 41 2058 863 1401 601	
	Total Passenger Limit (TPL)	1401	
	Foot Passenger Limitation (FPL)	601	
Coastal Class B Lic (Deck 5 Open)		Lic. Total Crew Passengers (Pax w/ Buffer) TPL FPL	Note: Coastal Class must sail on a B Lic MSM to use deck 5
		A 1604 39 1573 1436 1112 442	
	Total Passenger Limit (TPL)	1112	
	Foot Passenger Limitation (FPL)	442	
Coastal Class C Lic (Deck 5 Closed)		Lic. Total Crew Passengers (Pax w/ Buffer) TPL FPL	Note: When a Coastal sails on a C Lic MSM Max Pax = 881
		A 1604 39 1573 1436 1112 442	
	Total Passenger Limit (TPL)	881	
	Foot Passenger Limitation (FPL)	352	
Sulphur Class		Lic. Total Crew Passengers (Pax w/ Buffer) TPL FPL	Note: This calculation assumes using the Minor / Intermediate vessel method of using spaces outside the interior for foot passengers. (Outer decks were used - but not car decks)
		A 600 15 585 578 NA 378	
	Total Passenger Limit (TPL)	596	
	Foot Passenger Limitation (FPL)	378	
C Class COW / CQR		Lic. Total Crew Passengers (Pax w/ Buffer) TPL FPL	Note: Foot passenger limitation differs from CQR / COW because the interior space was not updated.
		A 1450 39 1402 1446 872 252	
	Total Passenger Limit (TPL)	872	
	Foot Passenger Limitation (FPL)	252	
C Class CQR / QSR		Lic. Total Crew Passengers (Pax w/ Buffer) TPL FPL	Note: Foot passenger limitation differs from CQR / COW because the interior space is update with more seating
		A 1450 39 1402 1446 932 312	
	Total Passenger Limit (TPL)	932	
	Foot Passenger Limitation (FPL)	312	
QAIB		Lic. Total Crew Passengers (Pax w/ Buffer) TPL FPL	
		A 1400 29 1371 1444 795 233	
	Total Passenger Limit (TPL)	791	
	Foot Passenger Limitation (FPL)	211	
QNW		Lic. Total Crew Passengers (Pax w/ Buffer) TPL FPL	
		A 1332 29 1303 895 359	
	Total Passenger Limit (TPL)	895	
	Foot Passenger Limitation (FPL)	359	
Island Class		Lic. Total Crew Passengers (Pax w/ Buffer) TPL FPL	
		A 399 7 392 444 252 158	
	Total Passenger Limit (TPL)	252	
	Foot Passenger Limitation (FPL)	158	
BSC		Lic. Total Crew Passengers (Pax w/ Buffer) TPL FPL	
		A 150 4 146 145 NA 77	
	Total Passenger Limit (TPL)	189	
	Foot Passenger Limitation (FPL)	77	
Bowen Class		Lic. Total Crew Passengers (Pax w/ Buffer) TPL FPL	Note: Mayne Queen has a different crew profile to the BQ. A- 400 Total, 8 crew and 392 Passengers, Buffer of 382 B - 200 Total, 7 crew and 193 Passengers, Buffer of 189
		A 400 10 392 444 288 158	
	Total Passenger Limit (TPL)	288	
	Foot Passenger Limitation (FPL)	158	
Cap Class		Lic. Total Crew Passengers (Pax w/ Buffer) TPL FPL	Note: Q of Casuarina has a different crew profile to the Cap. A- 462 Total, 12 crew and 450 Passengers, Buffer of 441, TPL 438 B- 450 Total, 7 crew and 440 passengers, Buffer of 431
		A 457 12 445 436 NA 201	
	Total Passenger Limit (TPL)	438	
	Foot Passenger Limitation (FPL)	201	
Mal Sky		Lic. Total Crew Passengers (Pax w/ Buffer) TPL FPL	
		A 462 14 448 438 NA 326	
	Total Passenger Limit (TPL)	566	
	Foot Passenger Limitation (FPL)	326	
Quinnam		Lic. Total Crew Passengers (Pax w/ Buffer) TPL FPL	Note: Used 3 pp vehicle
		A 400 8 392 444 270 60	
	Total Passenger Limit (TPL)	270	
	Foot Passenger Limitation (FPL)	60	
Sheena		Lic. Total Crew Passengers (Pax w/ Buffer) TPL FPL	
		A 450 9 441 432 368 169	
	Total Passenger Limit (TPL)	368	
	Foot Passenger Limitation (FPL)	169	
Quintia		Lic. Total Crew Passengers (Pax w/ Buffer) TPL FPL	Note: Used 2.5 pp vehicle
		A 300 6 294 444 178 33	
	Total Passenger Limit (TPL)	178	
	Foot Passenger Limitation (FPL)	33	
Tadhek		Lic. Total Crew Passengers (Pax w/ Buffer) TPL FPL	
		A 150 6 144 444 139 83	
	Total Passenger Limit (TPL)	139	
	Foot Passenger Limitation (FPL)	83	
Faper		Lic. Total Crew Passengers (Pax w/ Buffer) TPL FPL	Note: Used 2.5 pp vehicle
		A 269 6 263 444 136 61	
	Total Passenger Limit (TPL)	136	
	Foot Passenger Limitation (FPL)	61	
Kilua		Lic. Total Crew Passengers (Pax w/ Buffer) TPL FPL	Note: Used 2.5 pp vehicle
		A 150 4 146 444 85 39	
	Total Passenger Limit (TPL)	86	
	Foot Passenger Limitation (FPL)	39	
PRQ		Lic. Total Crew Passengers (Pax w/ Buffer) TPL FPL	Note: Used 2.5 pp vehicle
		A 400 8 392 444 362 220	
	Total Passenger Limit (TPL)	362	
	Foot Passenger Limitation (FPL)	220	
Kahloke		Lic. Total Crew Passengers (Pax w/ Buffer) TPL FPL	Note: Only 10% of people should leave vehicles and 3 pp vehicle. (Only 10 minute run)
		A 200 6 194 444 106 34	
	Total Passenger Limit (TPL)	106	
	Foot Passenger Limitation (FPL)	34	
NRW		Lic. Total Crew Passengers Buffer TPL FPL	Note: Ship not running during COVID
		A 0 0 0 0 0 0	
	Total Passenger Limit (TPL)	0	
	Foot Passenger Limitation (FPL)	0	
NADV		Lic. Total Crew Passengers (Pax w/ Buffer) TPL FPL	Note: 100% of all passengers will come up to the passenger deck. All public spaces are used for a full load including fare paid spaces and offering cabins at 2pp cabins. Original A Lic has been reduced to 500 Pax by order of TC.
		A 500 40 460 450 NA 273	
	Total Passenger Limit (TPL)	513	
	Foot Passenger Limitation (FPL)	273	
NEEP		Lic. Total Crew Passengers (Pax w/ Buffer) TPL FPL	Note: 100% of all passengers will come up to the passenger deck. All public spaces are used for a full load including fare paid spaces and offering cabins at 2pp cabins. Original A Lic has been reduced to 500 Pax by order of TC.
		A 638 38 600 540 543 343	
	Total Passenger Limit (TPL)	583	
	Foot Passenger Limitation (FPL)	343	
Nimphish		Lic. Total Crew Passengers (Pax w/ Buffer) TPL FPL	
		A 100 6 94 92 82 30	
	Total Passenger Limit (TPL)	62	
	Foot Passenger Limitation (FPL)	30	
Ruma		Lic. Total Crew Passengers (Pax w/ Buffer) TPL FPL	
		A 150 4 146 444 62 18	
	Total Passenger Limit (TPL)	62	
	Foot Passenger Limitation (FPL)	18	

Assumptions:

- The Foot Passenger Limitation remains in place at all times, regardless of which license the ships sail on.
- The MSM license is never to be exceeded (i.e. if the MSM license being used is less than the Total Passenger Limit, use the MSM license value)
- 25% of the vehicle passengers on newer vessels can be accommodated on the passenger decks
- 20% of the vehicle passengers on older vessels can be accommodated on the passenger decks
- 100% of the vehicle passengers on live aboards must be accommodated on the passenger decks
- Foot Passenger Limitation have been derived from a review of available seating in addition to available deck space within the interior passenger decks on Major vessels
- Outer deck space has not been utilized to determine any passenger limitations on Major vessels, but will offset greater numbers of vehicle passengers wishing to leave their vehicles
- Outer decks and car deck space will be used to accommodate foot passengers on Minor and Intermediate ships (non live aboard)

Resumption of Services to Above 50% Checklist

Vessels on Route _____

On Board

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	REFERENCE MATERIAL	COMPLETE
1.	Site Safety Plans Ensure Site Safety Plan and all components within are completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return to Services On Board Checklist complete Site Safety Plan posted Site Safety Plan forwarded to Safety Department 	Site Safety Plan documents	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Vessel crew aware of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total Passenger Limit and which license it supercedes the MSM maximum passenger limit New Foot Passenger Limitation 	MSM certificates Onboard Occupancy table	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Minor/Intermediate terminals (or on board if appropriate) where passengers are unticketed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure proper signage is in place to notify passengers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To remain in their vehicles when possible To please carry a face covering To respect physical distancing measures and if they can not, then wear a face covering Ensure loading process follows the approved loading sequence: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Foot passengers, up to 75% of the Foot Passenger Limit Vehicles Top up to the Foot Passenger Limit 	Marketing approved signs	<input type="checkbox"/>

Terminals on Route_____

Terminals

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	REFERENCE MATERIAL	COMPLETE
1.	Site Safety Plans Ensure Site Safety Plan and all components within are completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return to Services On Board Checklist complete • Site Safety Plan posted • Site Safety Plan forwarded to Safety Department 	Site Safety Plan documents	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Terminal Operations team aware of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Passenger Limit and which license it supercedes the MSM maximum passenger limit • New Foot Passenger Limitation 	On Board Occupancy table	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Major terminals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure TAS is set up for the Foot Passenger Limitation on each class of vessel • Ensure the tower loads to the appropriate new maximum passenger limit (TAS will amended to identify the new Total Passenger Limit instead of the MSM license where appropriate) 	On Board Occupancy table Adjusting Foot Passenger Limits	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Minor/Intermediate terminals where passengers are ticketed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure ticket agent knows to monitor TracR for cutting off sales of foot passengers at the Foot Passenger Limit for that class of vessel • Ensure the ticket agent sells boarding passes to the appropriate new maximum passenger limit (TracR will amended to identify the new Total Passenger Limit instead of the MSM license where appropriate) • Ensure proper signage is in place to notify passengers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To remain in their vehicles 2. To please carry a face covering 3. To respect physical distancing measures and if they can not, then wear a face covering 	Onboard Occupancy table	<input type="checkbox"/>

Communications

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	REFERENCE MATERIAL	COMPLETE
1.	Inform the following group when a date and time is determined when loading above 50% will go live <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Customer Care○ Operations & Security Centre Duty Marine Superintendent○ Public Affairs, Marketing & Customer Experience○ Emergency & Operations Centre	None	<input type="checkbox"/>

Marine Superintendent Verification Sign Off:

(Print Name)

(Signature)

(Date Completed)

ADJUSTING FOOT PASSENGER COUNT LIMITS IN TAS

Instructions for adjusting foot passenger limits on reduced passenger count sailings using TAS:

1. Select "Maintenance" from top menu

TAS - Version 17.4.5.10 - PCP1SWB @ SWB - PRODUCTION as CHILLIS (96695) - [Compound View (Route 04)]

File Action Maintenance Views Reports Window Help

Sign-on Sign-off Print Screen Refresh Delay Exit Save AutoOn/Off Cancel Auto Assign Unassign Open

Compound View 04

Rte	Queue		First		Vehicle		Assign				Status	M
	No	Type	Time	Dest	Pass	Count	Vehicles	Pass	Ship	Depart		
04	0F	R Foot	09:58	FUL	2		2	SKE	11:00	■		
04	1F	R Foot						SKE	11:00		Closed	
04	30	Lane						SKE	11:00			
04	31	Lane	09:46	FUL	34	19	19	34	SKE	11:00	■	Closed
04	32	Lane	10:29	FUL	8	6	6	8	SKE	11:00	■	
04	33	Lane	10:01	FUL	5	4	4	5	SKE	11:00	■	
04	34	Lane							SKE	11:00		
04	35	Lane							SKE	11:00		
04	74	Lane							SKE	11:00		

2. Select "Queue" from the maintenance drop-down
3. Select the foot "Queue" used in your route profile from the queue maintenance menu

Compound View (Route 04 for all queues)

Compound View Route: 04 ☒ Show All

Rte	Queue		First		Vehicle		Assign				Status	Mult
	No	Type	Time	Dest	Pass	Count	Vehicles	Pass	Ship	Depart		
04	0F	R Foot	09:58	FUL	3		3	SKE	11:00	■		
04	1F	R Foot						SKE	11:00		Closed	
04	30	Lane						SKE	11:00			
04	31	Lane	09:46	FUL	34	19	19	34	SKE	11:00	■	Closed
04	32	Lane	10:29	FUL	13	10	10	13	SKE	11:00	■	
04	33	Lane	10:01	FUL	6	5	5	6	SKE	11:00	■	
04	34	Lane							SKE	11:00		
04	35	Lane							SKE	11:00		

4. Adjust the "max headcount" for the appropriate foot queue to the reduced foot passenger number. *Suggest that a buffer is added to initiate the hold of foot sales and provide compassionate exceptions.*

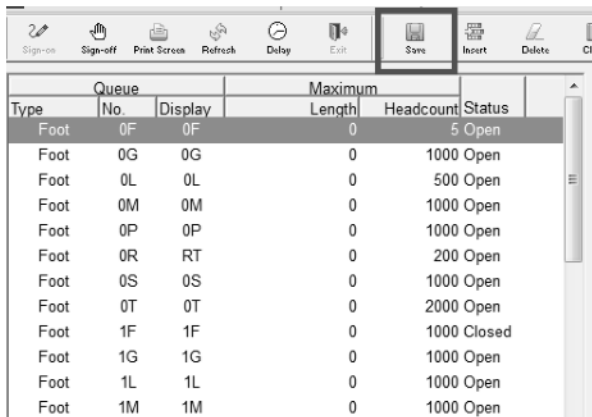
Queue Maintenance

Type	Queue	No	Display	Maximum Length	Headcount	Status
Foot	0F	0F		0	3	Open
Foot	0G	0G		0	1000	Open
Foot	0L	0L		0	500	Open
Foot	0M	0M		0	1000	Open
Foot	0P	0P		0	1000	Open
Foot	0R	RT		0	200	Open
Foot	0S	0S		0	1000	Open
Foot	0T	0T		0	2000	Open
Foot	1F	1F		0	1000	Closed
Foot	1G	1G		0	1000	Open
Foot	1L	1L		0	1000	Open
Foot	1M	1M		0	1000	Open
Foot	1P	1P		0	1000	Open

Type No. Display on Ticket Max Length Max Headcount Status

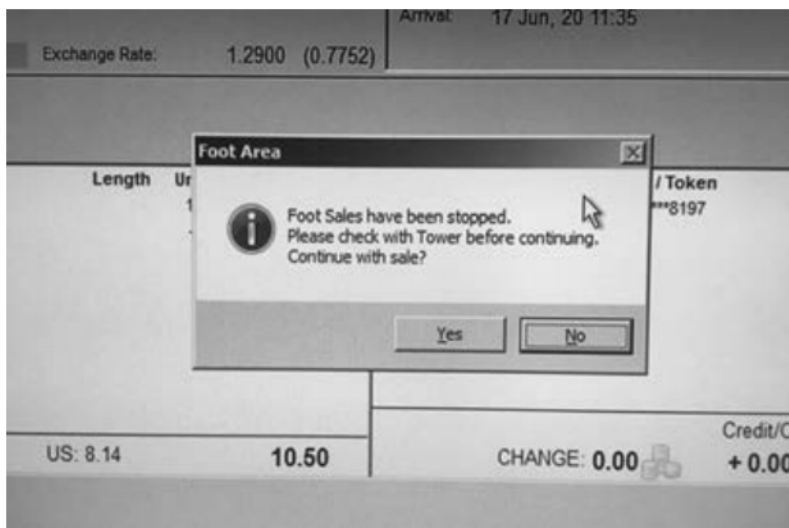
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5. Hit “save” to set the new max headcount



Type	Queue		Maximum		Status
	No.	Display	Length	Headcount	
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Foot	0G	0G	0	1000	Open
Foot	0L	0L	0	500	Open
Foot	0M	0M	0	1000	Open
Foot	0P	0P	0	1000	Open
Foot	0R	RT	0	200	Open
Foot	0S	0S	0	1000	Open
Foot	0T	0T	0	2000	Open
Foot	1F	1F	0	1000	Closed
Foot	1G	1G	0	1000	Open
Foot	1L	1L	0	1000	Open
Foot	1M	1M	0	1000	Open

6. If other foot queues are used in the active profile then they should be “closed” or removed from the profile. Once the adjusted foot queue reaches the new capacity the queue will automatically close and foot sales will no longer be able to be sold. The Ticket Agent at the POS will receive the following message:



7. This prompt will initiate the hold of foot passenger ticket sales as normal when passenger counts are reached

Other considerations:

- Passengers in vehicles who pay separately are added to the “foot passenger count” but are not sold to the foot queue. Since these customers are in a vehicle they should not impact the overall foot passenger restriction
- Vehicle Booth Agents will need to ensure customers arriving at their booths (bikes etc.) are sold to the available foot queue and not to a vehicle queue



COVID-19 SERVICE RESTORATION PROTOCOL

May 29, 2020

COVID-19 SERVICE RESTORATION PROTOCOL

INTRODUCTION

This protocol lays out the strategy for restoring services and facilities that were shut down in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. It is a planning document to guide and inform the development and implementation of all detailed functional area and tactical level plans.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this protocol is to serve as the key planning resource as services and facilities are re-opened in accordance with the overall direction of government agencies. In order to ensure that the maximum protective measures are adopted to prevent the spread of the coronavirus we will take a precautionary approach in the interest of preserving the health and safety of employees and customers alike.

APPLICABILITY

This protocol is the foundation for functional area plans and locally developed tactical-level plans and applies to all vessels and facilities (including administrative offices). It is essential that all tactical plans for re-opening services, outlets or offices are developed or modified to adhere with this protocol.

PROCESS

BC Ferries will assess all identified risks to the health and safety of customers and employees and establish necessary safeguards. The general process is as follows:

- Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) planners conduct gap analysis on existing COVID-19 measures and any additional measures outlined in this document as well as applicable Transport Canada or WorkSafeBC regulations and other relevant Orders and Instructions issued by appropriate public health agencies
- Planning teams develop the following functional area plans using the information from the gap analysis step (above) and risk assessment:
 - Employee Safety Plan
 - Customer Journey Plan
 - Ancillary Services Plan
- Tactical level plans will be developed at the local level.

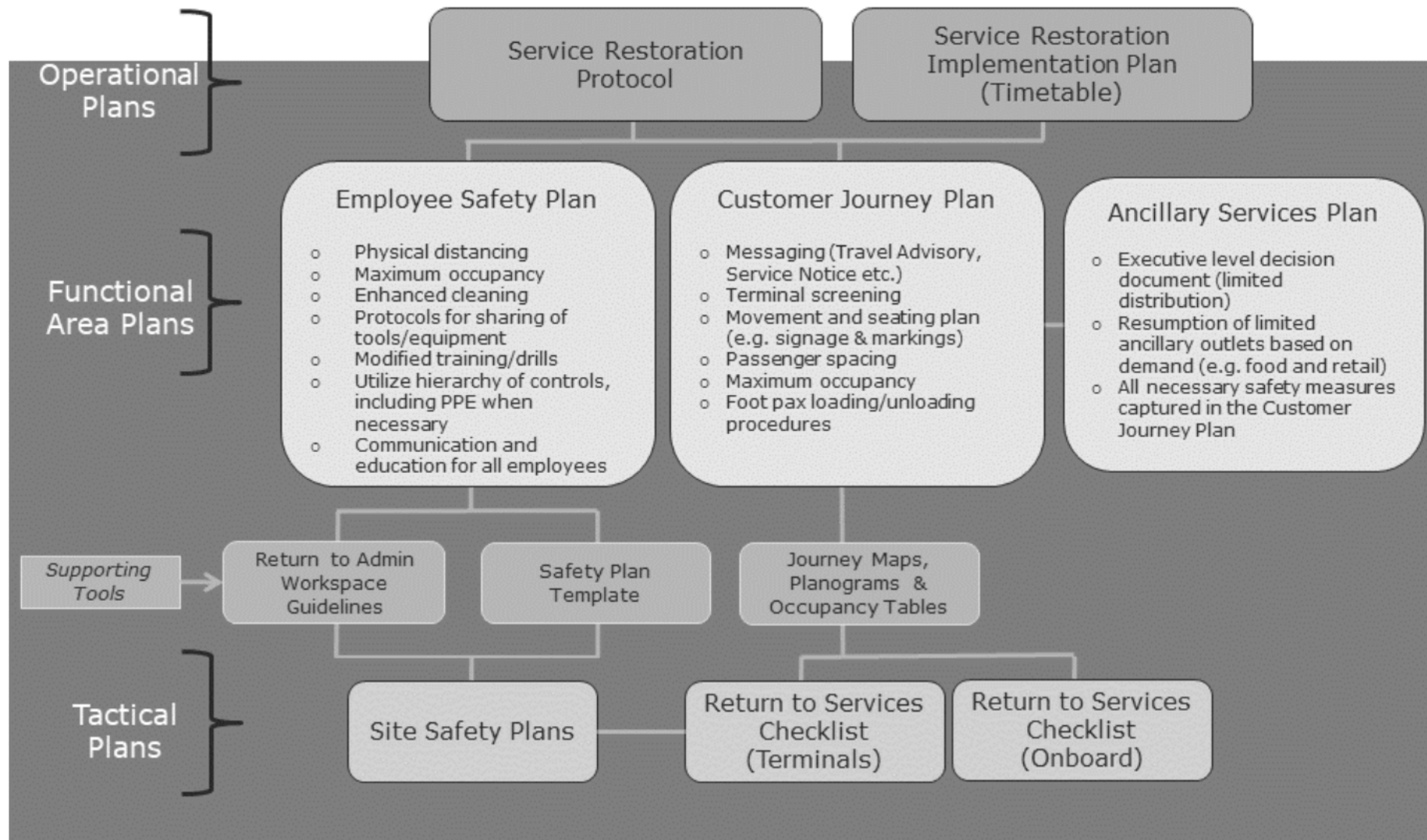
With hundreds of possible measures to implement, this protocol offers a high-level overview through the flowchart presented on page 3. It divides our ferry service into discreet activities and requires safeguards for each such activity.

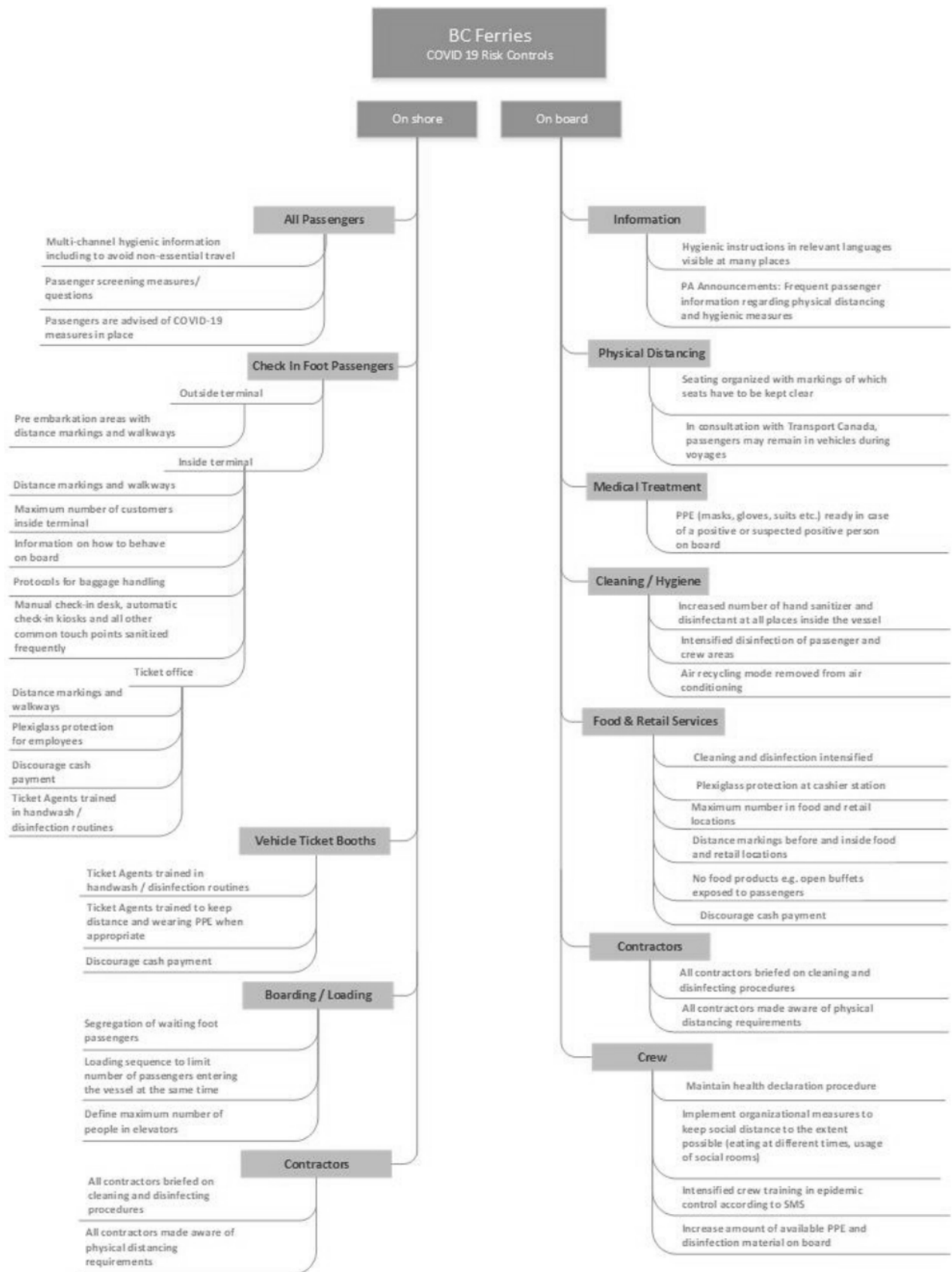
In the Appendix, all measures that have been identified are listed. All questions should be directed to the applicable member of the EOC.

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Darren Johnston
Executive Director, Fleet Operations
& EOC Director

COVID-19 SERVICE RESTORATION





POLICY AND GUIDANCE

EXTERNAL AUTHORITIES

While BC Ferries Policies and Directives will make every attempt to capture the most impactful guidance from external agencies, all Managers and Supervisors should be familiar with information available at the following websites to ensure alignment with direction to protect workers and the public:

WorkSafeBC <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates>

BC Centre for Disease Control <http://covid-19.bccdc.ca/>

Provincial Health Officer https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/class_order_employers_covid-19_safety_plans_covid-19_may_14_final.pdf

BC Government https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support?utm_campaign=20200506_GCPE_AM_COVID_9_NOTIFICATION_BCGOV_BC_GOV_EN_BC_NOTIFICATION

Transport Canada <https://www.tc.gc.ca/en/initiatives/covid-19-measures-updates-guidance-tc.html>

RESPONSIBILITY

There are three levels of activities as laid out in the response plan:

1. Strategic/Operational
2. Functional
3. Tactical

Each level informs the other in the same way as levels of responsibility flow in BC Ferries Safety Management System (SMS) and eFleet Policies. The higher level will assist the progress by assigning individuals at the appropriate authority the actions with timelines for completion. The key to execution is to be informed by the higher level, while ultimately ensuring the specific details and nuances of each work site are addressed at the tactical level in the same way as Level III in the SMS. Level 3 plans addressing specific challenges will benefit greatly from use of the Task Analysis process as defined in the SMS.

EMPLOYEE SAFETY

BC Ferries' SMS provides information regarding process for task analysis risk assessments and will be utilized by worksites to address specific challenges. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) may seem like the first answer, but should be considered a last line of defence. WorkSafeBC utilizes the same hierarchy of controls as outlined in BC Ferries Safety Manual. WorkSafeBC has included COVID-19 specific information for consideration in the hierarchy of controls and BC Ferries worksites will align to WorkSafeBC as much as reasonably practicable.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

A foundational part of the SMS is the need to always learn and adapt through continuous improvement. The process of service restoration will not always yield results as originally planned or imagined in the pre-opening planning. BC Ferries' SMS is designed for the ability to learn and adapt with input from any and all workers. Supervisors will benefit greatly from use of the ALERTs (All Learning Events Reported Today) system and the IAR (Initial Assessment Report) Investigation process along with engagement of Site Safety Committees and workers familiar with the challenges. The SMS dashboards will be utilized to share learnings and allow supervisors to see common challenges as an efficiency across worksites without having to duplicate efforts for finding resolve.

COMMUNICATION

The sharing of information and asking of questions for clarification of objectives and expectations is important in times of change and unusual circumstances. While the EOC has developed a communication avenue for BC Ferries specific COVID-19 response questions and issues, the transition to restoring service requires Managers and Supervisors to spend extra attention to seeking input from workers knowledgeable about the impacted work and work together to finding practicable solutions to issues at their local worksites. Repetitive information and review helps to ensure the communication loop is kept intact and to make sure information was not misunderstood. Site Safety Committees, Regional Safety Officers and Safety Managers are also able to assist with communication and clarification for site specific information. The BC Ferries COVID-19 intranet page will continue to be updated as a central communication point for all employees and includes links to additional resources including external agencies and the BCF Emergency Operations Center SharePoint site. Information includes policies regarding sick workers' expectations, Human Resources related policies for working from home, passenger screening requirements, safety protocols for contractors and visitors and more.

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APPENDIX

Measures Implemented

GENERAL

- 1) Reduced overall vessel capacity
- 2) Passenger screening measures/questions. Passengers with symptoms denied boarding and priority access provided to essential travellers
- 3) Information about the importance of handwash/hand sanitizing, coughing routines, handshaking is provided via signage, social media, etc

CUSTOMER CARE CENTRE (OFF-SITE / CONTACT BY PHONE OR EMAIL)

- 4) Training and information on check-in procedures for vehicle passengers
- 5) Training and information on check in procedures for foot passengers
- 6) Training and information on check in procedures for commercial vehicles
- 7) Passenger screening measures/questions. Passengers with symptoms denied boarding and priority access provided to essential travellers

CHECK-IN

- 8) Passenger screening measures/questions. Passengers with symptoms denied boarding and priority access provided to essential travellers
- 9) Passengers can get on the ship with limited physical contact
- 10) Information for passengers on how to behave onboard
- 11) Implement measures to prevent queues. (e.g. distance-signage, distance markings in the floor, different check-in times, security guards to organize queues)
- 12) Protocols for baggage handling
- 13) Automatic check-in machines sanitized frequently
- 14) Check-in employees informed about handwash / disinfection routines
- 15) Sneeze guard mounted on manual check-in desks
- 16) Discourage cash handling. Use of credit/debit cards
- 17) Credit/debit chip scan done by the passenger, scanner disinfection after use
- 18) Wearing of gloves when cash handling

- 19) Manual check-in desk and all other common touch points sanitized frequently
- 20) Hand sanitizing available for passengers
- 21) Public washrooms are cleaned and sanitized frequently
- 22) Passengers wear masks at their own discretion and must provide their own mask

INSIDE TERMINAL

- 23) Maximum number of customers inside terminal areas
- 24) Fact sheets/signage in different languages available in terminals
- 25) Passengers wear masks at their own discretion and must provide their own mask
- 26) Pre-embarkation areas with distance markings. Additional staff for monitoring
- 27) Manage access/numbers to public washrooms
- 28) Plexiglass protection for employees
- 29) Discourage cash payments. Debit/credit card payments
- 30) Wearing of gloves when cash handling
- 31) Extra hand sanitizing stations available in terminals and onboard
- 32) All children's facilities to be kept closed

BOARDING

- 33) Measures to prevent queues and distance signage to be in place
- 34) Loading sequence to limit the number of passengers
- 35) Separation of passengers during loading and unloading
- 36) Define maximum number of people in elevators
- 37) Extra hand sanitizing stations available
- 38) Public washrooms are washed and sanitized frequently

ON-BOARD

- 39) In consultation with Transport Canada, passengers may remain in cars during voyages
- 40) Fact sheets in different languages available onboard
- 41) Discourage cash handling. Use of credit/debit cards

- 42) Wearing of gloves when cash handling
- 43) Ensure ability to secure physical distancing in any area
- 44) Marking of passenger walk ways for separation inside the vessels
- 45) Seating organized on board with markings of which seats have to be kept clear
- 46) PA Announcements: Frequent passenger information regarding social distancing and hygienic measures
- 47) Hygienic instructions for crew and passengers visible at all places
- 48) Extra hand sanitizing stations available onboard
- 49) All children's facilities to be kept closed
- 50) Eliminating entertainment facilities
- 51) Keep unnecessary high risk areas closed
- 52) Promote the ready access to fresh sea air on the open deck
- 53) Passengers wear masks at their own discretion and must provide their own mask
- 54) Use of paper towels in public handwash-stations instead of hand-dryer
- 55) Used paper-towels are considered infectious waste. Therefore, garbage is treated accordingly
- 56) Have PPE (masks, gloves, suits etc.) ready in case of a positive or suspected positive person on board
- 57) Arrangement of areas for isolation of customers if necessary

RETAIL SHOPS

- 58) No unauthorized personnel in the stores or supply areas
- 59) The amount of passengers in different shops to be limited
- 60) Distance marking on the floor to separate passengers queuing
- 61) Discourage cash handling. Use of credit/debit cards
- 62) Wearing of gloves when cash handling
- 63) Plexiglass protection at cash desks
- 64) Cleaning and disinfection in all areas to be intensified
- 65) Hand sanitizer available in all shops

FOOD SERVICES

- 66) No unauthorized personnel in the galleys or supply areas
- 67) The amount of passengers in different food service areas to be limited
- 68) Plexiglass protection at cash desks
- 69) Discourage cash handling. Use of credit/debit cards
- 70) Wearing of gloves when cash handling
- 71) Cleaning and disinfection in all areas to be intensified
- 72) Hand sanitizers are available in all food areas
- 73) Buffet service suspended
- 74) Warm dishes in different restaurants served in portions
- 75) All food in cafés to be wrapped or packed

CLEANING

- 76) Extra attention / disinfection of surfaces by cleaners
- 77) Frequent disinfection of common touch-points / corridors
- 78) Air recycling mode removed from air conditioning
- 79) Washrooms washed and sanitized frequently
- 80) Increased number of hand sanitizers and disinfectant

CONTRACTORS

- 81) All contractors briefing on cleaning and disinfecting procedures
- 82) All contractors aware of physical distancing requirements

CREW AND CREW AREAS

- 83) Maintain health declaration procedure
- 84) Intensified crew training in epidemic control according to SMS
- 85) Amount of available PPE and disinfection material increased and ensured delivery on board and ashore
- 86) Masks and gloves readily available for crew
- 87) Extended cleaning/disinfecting routines for crew areas

- 88) Extended accessibility for hand sanitizer at work spaces
- 89) Washrooms washed and sanitized frequently
- 90) Paper towels and hand-soap available at every washbasin
- 91) All crew and check in personnel receive hygiene information to ensure knowledge is adequate
- 92) Implement secure routines for crew change, in order to reduce risk of cross contamination between crews
- 93) Hands must be washed and sanitized, if possible, whenever moving from one compartment of the ship to another
- 94) Training of crew with each crew change
- 95) All unnecessary lingering in the common areas of the ship to be avoided
- 96) All extra personal contact must be avoided
- 97) Only persons responsible for the ship's food provision may enter the galley or food storage facilities
- 98) Close contact in dining and break rooms must be avoided with breaks and dining paced in such a way that as few crew members as possible will be in the same room simultaneously
- 99) The most common surfaces of the engine control room must be cleaned with sanitizer at every change of watchkeeping
- 100) The most common surfaces of the bridge must be cleaned with sanitizer at every change of watchkeeping
- 101) Crew remain on board while the vessel is at terminal

MEDICAL

- 102) All (suspicious) cases which might occur during voyage handled in accordance with established best practice and reported to competent authority accordingly
- 103) In case of a suspicious case of crew and/or passenger special communicable disease measures are in place
- 104) Arrangement of areas for isolation of customers or crew if necessary
- 105) PPE (masks, gloves, suits etc.) ready in the event of a positive or suspected positive person on board

FW: Cruise Ships - Feedback for Transport Canada by noon Friday

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Subject: Fwd: Cruise Ships - Feedback for Transport Canada by noon Friday

Good morning Ian,

The note below is an update on a process to clarify cruise ship guidelines being led by Transport Canada. I am looping you in at this point as we are being advised that the same message may be shared with the DM. No issues of concern to report at this time, just want to be sure you are aware this may be coming his way.

Last month my team engaged with Dr Henry's office to provide feedback on updated guidance for cruise ships developed by Transport Canada. We are now being asked to respond to the attached draft by the end of the week. My team is checking in with Dr Henry's office via Brian Emerson to be sure the draft is acceptable from BC's perspective. I will share the reply from Dr Henry's office with you, and flag any issues you may wish to bring to the DM's attention, if there are any.

Thanks,

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Subject: Cruise Ships - Feedback for Transport Canada by noon Friday

Good morning all

As you will recall, in mid September we provided feedback to Transport Canada on the three options that had been identified for cruise ships given the relevant federal Order was expiring on October 31st (thank you for your feedback).

Transport Canada has now provided us with the attached draft document, and is requesting feedback by the end of this week.

As such, it would be much appreciated if you could provide us with any comments on the attached by no later than noon on Friday (Note: the attached may also be sent from our A/DM Kevin Richter to Stephen Brown).

It is our understanding that federal officials will also be reaching out to P/T Health officials directly in the coming days.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks,

Bob

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October 6, 2020

Planning for the Extension of Passenger Vessels Restrictions

Current restrictions for cruise vessels, set out in *Interim Order No. 3 Respecting Passenger Vessel Restrictions Due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)* are set to expire on October 31, 2020.

Through September 2020, Transport Canada has been discussing considerations internally and with partners and stakeholders. Minister Garneau was briefed on Friday, October 2, 2020.

The U.S Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have restricted cruise ship operations with a *No Sail Order and Other Measures Related to Operations* issued on July 16, 2020. This order was set to expire on September 30, 2020 and is now extended through October 31, 2020.

Extension Considerations

1. *Extend the current prohibitions until February 28, 2021 and continue to deny all exemptions requests for fuel, technical stops, lay-ups (storage), planned crew changes and repair*

This option aligns with decisions taken earlier this year and eliminates any risk of virus transmission from cruise vessels. It also responds to concerns raised by public health officials (and in many cases, communities) earlier in the pandemic and which may be reinforced as we move into Wave 2 of the pandemic. However, this option also eliminates any potential economic benefits, which could be gained for coastal communities hosting exempt vessels (without passengers).

2. *Extend Current Prohibitions with Enhanced Exemption Process*

A robust process for Ministerial approval for exemptions that would permit requests for repair, fueling, technical stops, lay-ups, and planned crew changes while continuing to prohibit cruise ships carrying passengers.

This process would be developed in collaboration with provincial and territorial transportation and health officials along with colleagues across the federal government, including the Special Advisory Committee on Covid-19 convened by the Public Health Agency of Canada and one-on-one consultation with regional health officials, Ports, Indigenous groups etc.

While the process remains to be developed, at a minimum, exemption requests would be examined on a case by case basis in consultations with the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), provincial and territorial health authorities and other authorities.

Consultation Plan for Exemption Process Development

Transport Canada is in consultation with federal, provincial and territorial groups including: the Federal Director General *Emergency Response Committee* (DG ERC), the *Policy Planning Support Committee* (PPSC), the *Special Advisory Committee* (SAC), the *Senior Officials for Emergency Management* (SOREM), and bi-laterally with key public health figures.

- Consultations will include discussions on the scenarios for different types exemption activities (e.g. bunkering, lay-up, crew change)
- Through these consultations, Transport Canada will develop a robust process to consider requests while respecting regional transportation and health concerns.

Next Steps

- Further engagement with partners and stakeholders, including PHAC
- A brief to the federal, provincial and territorial Special Advisory Committee on Covid-19
- One-on-one consultation with regional health officials as necessary.
- Follow up brief to Minister Garneau

Types of exemption activities for cruise ships (Interim Order #3)

Type of stop	Description	Duration, crew flow / interaction with shore personnel	Economic benefits
Bunkering (Fueling)	The supplying of fuel for use by ships. Includes the shipboard logistics of both loading fuel and distributing it among available bunker tanks.	Shorter in duration (could be less than 24 hours) and requires minimal, if any to no, crew flow from ship to shore and minimal interaction with shore personnel.	Economic benefits vary by the type of ship and the amount of fuel they require. For example, a medium-sized cruise vessel may purchase up to 1000 tonnes of fuel at an approximate cost of \$460 CAD per tonne with a larger vessel purchasing more.
Technical stops	A stop is made enroute for the purposes of obtaining fuel, oil, supplies, minor repairs, or crew change.	Longer in duration (could be up to one week) and can require some crew flow and interaction with shore personnel, depending on the type of stop.	<p>Economic benefits vary depending on the type and complexity of the stop.</p> <p>An average vessel stopping to replenish its stores would be purchasing groceries and necessities for ~100 person crew.</p> <p>A vessel arriving to conduct repairs will be purchasing supplies and hiring contractors to conduct repairs, the cost of which will depend on the complexity of the repair project.</p> <p>As an example, if an average-sized vessel (<300m) moors in the Port of Vancouver for 12 hours, it will pay ~11K in fees.</p>
Repair	Includes more complex repairs than a technical stop and can involve fixing, restoring, renewing, mending, and renovating an old vessel.	Longer in duration and can involve higher crew flow and interaction with shore personnel, all depending on the type of repair performed.	<p>Economic benefits vary depending on the type and complexity of the repair performed.</p> <p>An average vessel stopping to conduct a repair will be purchasing supplies and hiring contractors to conduct repairs, the cost of which will depend on the complexity of the repair project.</p> <p>The crew onboard will be replenishing the stores depending on the size of crew and the duration of the repair.</p> <p>The vessel will also be subject to port fees.</p>
Lay-ups	A process whereby a vessel is taken out of profitable service and is stationed somewhere while awaiting the resumption of its operations. During a <u>warm lay-up</u> , the vessel is out of service, but can be mobilized into service on short notice as it remains fully operational in terms of the class and flag state requirements, and the continuation of shipboard routine maintenance on machineries and equipment. During a <u>cold lay-up</u> , the vessel is moored or anchored at a safe place, awaiting new employment or charter with just the bare essentials left online to preserve the vessel.	The longest in duration and may last from a few weeks (warm lay-up) to several months (cold lay-up). Will require the most crew flow, but yet kept to the bare minimum.	Such stops will yield the highest economic benefits as they will entail various port fees and stores and fuel supply.

Crew change	A regular occurrence in the marine sector. Once seafarers finish their required sea service, they fly home to their families and a relief crew replaces them.	Involves shorter stops but the most significant crew flow.	A vessel that stops for crew change is subject to port fees.
Note: None of the exemption requests will entail passenger exchange.			

Exemption Process (under development)

If there is support to consider exemption requests from both a public health and transportation perspective, Transport Canada could use an approach similar to this:

Initial Review

Upon receipt of an exemption request, Transport Canada would verify that the request contains the following information: vessel details, type & duration of stop, number of crew & confirmation of no passengers onboard, history & current health condition of persons onboard, measures implemented to protect crew & passenger from COVID-19, etc. The applicant may be contacted to obtain additional information.

Government of Canada Review:

Transport Canada will first review internally considering the impacts to navigation safety, public health and safety, and the protection of the marine environment.

Current exemption prerequisites include:

- For Canada to comply with its international obligations,
- For the purposes of repositioning and repair of vessels, and
- If the exemption is necessary to allow for viable, effective and economical marine transportation and commerce, or that it is not practical, under the circumstances, for the vessel to comply with the prohibition or restriction (none have been granted thus far).

If the application warrants further consideration, Transport Canada will engage with other federal departments. The secondary review would include the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) and other relevant departments (Global Affairs Canada, Public Safety Canada, Canada Border Service Agency, etc.).

Consultation with regional and provincial partners:

Transport Canada would also engage/consult with regional partners such as:

- Port Authority/Public Port/Seaway (as applicable)
- Provincial & Local Health Authorities
- Indigenous groups or any other parties that may be impacted

ADVICE: COVID Deliverable - Virtual and In-Person Services

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Stephen, Bonnie,

One of my deliverables for the Fall/Winter COVID Plan is to find ways to address the current imbalance between virtual care and in-person physician services. You will recall a few weeks back at SET I suggested we need to send out some messaging to docs, potentially from the College and PHO, to help address this imbalance. I am seeking your advice on a proposed approach set out below.

Earlier this week, I spoke with Heidi Oetter and Derek Puddester (Deputy Registrar) from the College of Physicians and Surgeons. They shared their observations and experiences regarding recent patient and physician complaints to the College about the quality of care in the virtual environment (see note below from Derek). Heidi has been directed by her Board to take action, and s.13

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In addition to this communication, Corrie, Mark and I can to bring some recommendations forward on some additional policy levers we may wish to pull in order to course correct (s.13

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Happy to discuss further,

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Subject: Thank you - looking forward to our next discussion

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I appreciated the opportunity to meet you both this morning. Looking forward to picking up the conversation shortly.

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The public has expressed concern with feeling abandoned by their health care system, particularly when they beg to see their physician only to be told "...all care is now provided virtually." Unfortunately, many patients are reluctant to make a formal complaint as they fear it will lead to their dismissal from their physician's practice.

Our registrants have increasingly passed along concerns that patients are being sent to the emergency room for routine physical examinations, or are presenting to the emergency room with complications from inadequate virtual care. Indeed, at our recent AGM, registrants spontaneously asked the College to consider action to protect patients from inadequate virtual care. They also expressed a deep concern about PPE and frequently ask the College to facilitate a more regular update on PPE supply and access.

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I hope this information is helpful – our data flow of concern is daily, from across the system and at all levels.

Kind regards,

Derek

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Hi Bonnie.

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Would be great to get this approved asap so could get out in time for the weekend.

Thanks.

Brian

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We have made some editorial changes and two minor policy changes to these orders so will be posting the new orders today.

The policy changes are that we moved the time that liquor can start to be served in the morning from 11 am to 9 am to allow for drinks with brunch, and clarified that no-one can consume liquor in premises or at events after 11 pm.

The major editorial change was to move the rules about events being held in food and liquor service premises to the *Gatherings and Events* order for ease of reference by operators and compliance/enforcement staff, rather than them having to cross reference between the two orders. This ensures clarity that events being held in food and liquor service premises are liable to enforcement by police and other provincial compliance and enforcement staff under the *Emergency Program Act* order that gave them powers to issue tickets.

Editorial changes to note are:

Food and Liquor Serving Premises Order

- Definition of nightclub added
- Clarified that table hopping is not allowed
- Included positive obligation on patrons, which were previously this was implied

Gatherings and Events Order

- Clarified that this order does not apply to health care related events such as immunization clinics, health authority COVID-19 testing centres and blood donation clinics;
- Clarified that the definition of patrons at events does not include event staff volunteers, vendors, exhibitors, performers, presenters, the members of a team engaged in a sporting event, team managers, coaches, persons such as referees, time keepers or score keepers, and staff associated with any of the foregoing
- Added a definition of "private event"

Thanks to all those who provided such helpful feedback wrt these revisions.

Have a great, small gatherings, mostly outdoors, Thanksgiving weekend!

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Attached are the final versions of the revised orders which will be posted to the PHO website – an updated *Gatherings And Events* order and newly titled *Food and Liquor Serving Premises* order (replaces the *Restaurants, Coffee Shops, Cafes, Cafeterias and Licensed Premises, including Pubs, Bars, Lounges, Nightclubs and Tasting Rooms* order).

The main changes are as follows:

1. All “events” are now in the Gatherings and Events order. Previously events were in both orders which was leading to uncertainty and inequitable application.
2. Nightclubs must cease operating as nightclubs. They could change their business model to operate as a restaurant, pub or bar.
3. Background music or other background sounds, such as from televisions, must be no louder than the volume of normal conversation.
4. Liquor sales for onsite consumption must cease by 10:00 pm. Off-sales could still happen.
5. Unless a full meal service is provided, premises must close by 11:00 pm and all patrons must vacate the premises. If a full meal service is provided, premises may stay open, but liquor must not be served until 11:00 am the following day.
6. Liquor must not be consumed on premises by owners, operators or staff after 11:00 pm
7. The Gatherings and Events order does not apply to voting places.
8. Banquet halls are defined and ordered not to hold events, but voting is explicitly allowed. They could also do other things like have daycares.
9. The definition of “event” is further clarified to indicate it applies to a “trade fair, agricultural fair, seasonal fair and episodic indoor event that has as its primary purpose the sale of merchandise or services e.g. Christmas craft markets, home shows, antique fairs and the like.”
10. The definition of “a place” is clarified to include “a private residence and other premises not ordinarily open to the public” now that police can enforce the event order wrt parties.
11. The requirement for both event organizer and owner to hold lists of event attendees was removed as thought to be unnecessary duplication.
12. Liquor service at events must cease at 10 pm.
13. If food or liquor serving premises hold private events like wedding receptions, the same rules that hotels and other venues must follow apply to these premises. But if it is a public event like live music performance all the extra rules e.g. no singing, dancing, no-self serve bar, must remain seated apply.

Thanks and have a great weekend!

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FYI we have made minor amendments to this order which will be posted soon. Changes are:

- Further to amending the restaurants and nightclubs order to allow live performers to have a barrier OR 3 metre distance from the audience, this order was amended for consistency.
- Made explicit that this order applies to meetings or conferences held in hotels or anywhere else.
- Added “exhibition and fair” to the definition of event.
- Expanded definition of “organizer” to include “the person who acts as host at an event” to answer the questions from wedding planner’s and others who might hire a person to organize an event.
- Clarified that the 50 person limit does not include staff.

Have a great summery weekend!

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Subject: PHO Order re Restaurants, Pubs, Bars and Nightclubs

The July 23 PHO order has been amended and the attached order is now in effect. It should be posted to the website sometime this weekend.

We have fine tuned this order to address a few issues that came up in relation to the July 23 order:

- Greater clarity on which settings are covered by this order
- Meetings in hotels and conferences were inadvertently captured by the previous order, so have been excluded from this order (but are still covered by the Gatherings and Events PHO order)
- Cafeterias such as in grocery stores, private clubs like Legions, or premises with a manufacturer's licence e.g. tasting lounges can serve alcohol to customers from a counter and are excluded from requirements to have to assigned seating, keep patrons seated, and have staff to ensure people stay seated.
- Jam sessions and open mic events are not allowed due to concerns about these events that encourage audience participation
- Performers must be separated from the audience by barriers or 3 metres distance (not both)
- Events can now happen between 530 am to 11 pm, so morning events can happen and premises can hold 4 events per day. However there must be an hour for emptying and cleaning between events, to avoid back to back events and line ups in the evening.

Have a great **B**eat **C**ovid-19 long weekend remaining seated in small groups, well distanced from others at your favourite place!

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ORDER OF THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICER

(Pursuant to Sections 30, 31, 32 and 39 (3) *Public Health Act*, S.B.C. 2008)

GATHERINGS AND EVENTS

The *Public Health Act* is at:

<http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/content/complete/statreg/08028/?xsl=/templates/browse.xsl>
(excerpts enclosed)

TO: OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF BANQUET HALLS

TO: OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF VACATION ACCOMODATION

TO: OCCUPANTS OF VACATION ACCOMODATION AND GUESTS

**TO: OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF PLACES, INCLUDING PREMISES SUBJECT
TO THE *FOOD AND LIQUOR SERVING PREMISES ORDER***

TO: PERSONS WHO ORGANIZE EVENTS

TO: PERSONS WHO ATTEND EVENTS

WHEREAS:

1. On March 17, 2020 I provided notice under section 52 (2) of the *Public Health Act* that the transmission of the infectious agent SARS-CoV-2, which has caused cases and outbreaks of a serious communicable disease known as COVID-19 among the population of the Province of British Columbia, constitutes a regional event as defined in section 51 of the *Public Health Act*;
2. The SARS-CoV-2 virus, an infectious agent, can cause outbreaks of COVID-19;
3. A person infected with SARS-CoV-2 can infect other people with whom the infected person is in direct contact, through droplets in the air, or from fluid containing SARS-CoV-2 left on surfaces;
4. The gathering of people in close contact with one another can promote the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and increase the number of people who develop COVID-19 and become seriously ill; in particular, in recent months, social mingling coupled with the consumption of alcohol which increases risky behavior, and/or the presence of loud background sound

which causes people to move closer together to be heard or to speak more forcefully, is associated with significant increases in the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and increases in the number of people who develop COVID-19 and become seriously ill;

5. With schools and post-secondary institutions opening and the change of seasons bringing cooler weather, people will be interacting more and spending more time indoors which will increase the risk of the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in the population thereby increasing the number of people who develop COVID-19 and become seriously ill;
6. For certainty, this Order does not apply to health care related events such as immunization clinics, health authority COVID-19 testing centres and blood donation clinics; workers at a worksite when engaged in their work activities; workers living at a work camp; students, teachers or instructors at a school or post-secondary educational institution when engaged in educational activities; customers in a mall or retail establishment when engaged in shopping activities or seeking services; individuals attending an episodic vending market such as a Farmers Market or a Community Market which is subject to the *Vending Markets Order*; individuals in a recreation centre or campground or any other place when not attending an event; or the use of any place for municipal, provincial or federal election purposes.
7. For further certainty, this Order applies to private clubs and meetings or conferences held in hotels or any other place.
8. I have reason to believe and do believe that
 - (i) the risk of an outbreak of COVID-19 among the public constitutes a health hazard under the *Public Health Act*;
 - (ii) because the risk of outbreaks resulting from the gathering of people and attendance at events extends beyond the authority of one or more medical health officers and coordinated action is needed to protect the public from contracting COVID-19, it is in the public interest for me to exercise the powers in sections 30, 31, 32 and 39 (3) of the *Public Health Act* **TO ORDER** as follows:

**THIS ORDER REPEALS AND REPLACES MY ORDER OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2020
WITH RESPECT TO *GATHERINGS AND EVENTS***

Definitions in this Order:

“banquet hall” means a stand-alone premises built for the purpose of holding large social events, including banquets, generally involving many hundreds of people. It does not include the premises associated with a private club, hotel, house of worship, recreation centre, sports

organization or other non- profit organization with a community, educational, historical, sports or similar purpose, or owned or operated or otherwise controlled by a government;

“event” refers to anything which gathers people together whether on a one-time, regular or irregular basis, including a party, worship service, ceremony or celebration of any type, reception, wedding, funeral, celebration of life, musical, theatrical or dance entertainment or performance, live band performance, disc jockey performance, strip dancing, comedic act, art show, magic show, puppet show, fashion show, book signing, reading, recitation, display, movie, film, meeting, conference; lecture, talk, educational presentation (except in a school or post-secondary educational institution); auction, fund raising benefit, contest, quiz, game, rally, festival, presentation, demonstration, sporting or other physical activity, exhibition, market or fair, including a trade fair, agricultural fair, seasonal fair or episodic indoor event that has as its primary purpose the sale of merchandise or services e.g. Christmas craft markets, home shows, antique fairs and the like;

“organizer” means the person responsible for organizing an event and the person who acts as host at an event;

“owner” includes an occupier or operator or person otherwise responsible for a place;

“patron” means an individual who attends an event, but does not include event staff, volunteers, vendors, exhibitors, performers, presenters, the members of a team engaged in a sporting event, team managers, coaches, persons such as referees, time keepers or score keepers, and staff associated with any of the foregoing;

“physical barrier” means a barrier which is designed, installed and maintained in accordance with WorkSafeBC guidelines;

“a place” includes areas both inside and outside, a residence and premises not ordinarily open to the public, but does not include vacation accommodation or a banquet hall;

“private event” means an event only open to individuals who are known to, and invited by name by, the person by whom, or on whose behalf, the event is organized;

“vacation accommodation ” means a house, townhouse, cottage, cabin, apartment, condominium, mobile home, recreational vehicle, hotel suite, tent, yurt, houseboat or any other type of living accommodation and associated deck, garden or yard, when used for vacation purposes by the owner, tenant, guest or any other person;

A. BANQUET HALLS:

1. The holding of an event in a banquet hall *[see definition above]* is prohibited.
2. For certainty, this does not include the use of banquet halls for the purpose of holding municipal, provincial or federal elections, or health care related events such as immunization clinics, health authority COVID-19 testing centres or blood donation clinics.

B. VACATION ACCOMMODATION

1. No more than five individuals may be present in vacation accommodation, in addition to the occupants.
2. The owner of vacation accommodation *[see definition above]* must require any tenant, guest or other person using or occupying the vacation accommodation to comply with the requirement in section 1.
3. Occupants and guests must comply with the five person limit imposed in section 1.

C. PLACES NOT SUBJECT TO THE *FOOD AND LIQUOR SERVING PREMISES ORDER*

1. Subject to section 14, the gathering of more than fifty patrons at a place for the purpose of an event is prohibited.
2. Up to fifty patrons may attend an event in a place if the following conditions are met:
 - a. there is an organizer of the event;
 - b. access to the event is controlled;
 - c. the number of patrons is closely monitored;
 - d. there is sufficient space available to permit the patrons to maintain a distance of two metres from one another;
 - e. the patrons maintain a distance of two metres from one another when standing or sitting, unless they belong to the same party;
 - f. measures are put in place to prevent the congregation of patrons outside the place, such as by taking reservations and requesting patrons to remain in their cars or elsewhere until notified by telephone or an App that there is room for them;
 - g. the place is assessed for areas where patrons may congregate, and measures are put in place to avoid congregation;

- h. physical devices, markers or other methods are used to guide and assist patrons in maintaining a distance of two metres from other patrons, if they are not seated;
 - i. if there are tables provided for the use of patrons, no more than six patrons sit at a table, even if they belong to the same party, and there are at least two metres between the backs of the chairs at one table and the backs of the chairs at another table, unless the chairs are separated by a physical barrier;
 - j. if live performance is provided, or there is a presenter or a presider, there is a physical barrier between the performer, presenter or presider and the patrons which blocks the transmission of droplets from the performer, presenter or presider, or there is at least a three metre separation between the performer, presenter or the presider and the patrons;
 - k. If there is a self-serve food or drink station,
 - i. hand washing facilities or alcohol-based sanitizers are within easy reach of the station;
 - ii. signs reminding patrons to wash or sanitize their hands before touching self-serve food, drink or other items, and to maintain a two metre distance from other patrons, are posted at the self-serve station; and
 - iii. high touch surfaces at the station, and utensils that are used for self-serve, are frequently cleaned and sanitized.
 - l. hand sanitation supplies are readily available to patrons;
 - m. washroom facilities with running water, soap and paper towels for hand washing and drying purposes, or hand sanitation supplies, are available.
3. Subject to a maximum number of fifty patrons, the owner of a place in which events are hosted must calculate the maximum number of patrons who can be accommodated safely during an event, taking into consideration the requirements of this order and must document this number in the safety plan with respect to events.
 4. The organizer must monitor the number of patrons present during an event and ensure that the number of patrons present does not exceed the maximum number documented in the safety plan with respect to events.
 5. If an event is in a part of place which is completely separated from the rest of the place, and which has its own entrance and washrooms, there may be additional patrons present in other parts of the place who are not attending the event, if the total number of patrons present in the place does not exceed the maximum number of patrons permitted on the premises under the safety plan. Patrons attending an event in part of a place must not have contact with patrons in another part of the place who are not attending the event.

6. If there are one or more separate premises in a place, there may be an event in each of the premises as long as
 - a. patrons attending an event do not have contact with patrons attending an event in other premises in the place, or with individuals who are in the place but not in the premises in which the event is being held;
 - b. there is a separate entrance to each of the premises in which an event is being held; and
 - c. there are separate washrooms for each of the premises.
7. During an event, patrons who leave the place in which an event is being held, must not be replaced by other patrons.
8. There must be at least one hour between events during which there are no patrons present, to permit cleaning and sanitizing, and the place must be cleaned and sanitized once no patrons are present and before patrons are permitted to enter for another event.
9. Liquor service must stop at 10:00 pm;
10. At an event at which liquor is served the event must conclude and patrons vacate the premises by 11:00 pm.
11. There must be no liquor consumed on the premises by any person, including patrons, owners, operators, organizers or staff after 11:00 pm.
12. At an event at which liquor is served
 - a. the obligations under sections 61 (2) of the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act* must be complied with,
 - b. the directives and guidance provided by the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch to ensure that patrons do not over order, overconsume or binge drink must be followed (see [Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch website](#)), and
 - c. the authority under section 61 (3) of the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act* must be exercised when appropriate
13. The organizer must ensure that the conditions, requirements and obligations in sections 1, 2 and 4 to 13 are met.
14. The organizer must
 - a. collect the first and last names and telephone number, or email address, of every patron who attends an event or of every driver of a vehicle present at a drive-in event; and

- b. retain this information for thirty days, in case there is a need for contact tracing on the part of the medical health officer, in which case the information must be provided to the medical health officer.
- 15. If the event is a drive in, the organizer may permit more than fifty patrons to be present, if the following conditions, as well as the requirements in section 12, are met:
 - a. patrons only attend in a vehicle;
 - b. no more than fifty vehicles are present at the drive in;
 - c. patrons are informed that they must stay in their vehicles except to use washroom facilities, and when outside their vehicles they must maintain a distance of two metres from other patrons, and this is monitored;
 - d. no food or drink is sold.
- 16. If the organizer is not the owner or operator, the owner or operator must satisfy themselves that the organizer is aware of the requirements in sections 1, 2 and 4 to 13 or, if applicable, section 16, and has the capacity to fulfill them.
- 17. Patrons must comply with
 - a. the limitation on the number of patrons permitted to gather in section 1,
 - b. the distancing and other requirements in sections 2 (e) and (i), 11 and 16 (a) and (c), and
 - c. measures, and guidance and directions from owners, operators, organizers or staff, designed to avoid the gathering of more than the permitted number of patrons or the congregation of patrons.

D. PLACES SUBJECT TO THE *FOOD AND LIQUOR SERVING PREMISES ORDER*

- 1. The gathering of more than fifty patrons at a place which is subject to the *Food and Liquor Serving Premises Order* for the purpose of an event is prohibited.
- 2. Subject to a maximum number of fifty patrons, the owner of food and liquor serving premises in which events are hosted must calculate the maximum number of patrons who can be accommodated safely during an event, taking into consideration the requirements of this order and must document this number in the safety plan with respect to events.

3. The organizer must monitor the number of patrons present during an event and ensure that the number of patrons present does not exceed the maximum number documented in the safety plan with respect to events.
4. If the event is a private event, Part C applies.
5. If the event is open to the public the following conditions apply:
 - a. sections 2 (a), (b), (j) and (k); and 7 to 13 of Part C apply;
 - b. patrons must be able to maintain a distance of two metres from other patrons unless they are separated by physical barriers;
 - c. if patrons remain on the premises, other than tasting rooms with a liquor manufacturer licence, after being served or serving themselves, there must be sufficient seating for them, whether at tables, booths or counters, and patrons must be seated;
 - d. in licensed premises, other than cafeterias, private clubs or tasting rooms with a liquor manufacturer licence, patrons must be assigned to a table, booth or counter and shown to their seats and patrons must stay in the seat assigned to them and must not move from table to table;
 - e. liquor may only be served to patrons who are seated, other than in cafeterias, private clubs or tasting rooms with a liquor manufacturer licence;
 - f. patrons must remain seated in all premises, other than cafeterias, private clubs or tasting rooms with a liquor manufacturer's licence, except to use a self-serve food or non-alcoholic drink station, use washroom facilities or leave the premises;
 - g. there must be a sufficient number of staff at premises, other than cafeterias, private clubs or tasting rooms with a liquor manufacturer's licence, to ensure that patrons remain seated;
 - h. there must be a sufficient number of staff at premises, other than cafeterias, private clubs or tasting rooms with a liquor manufacturer's licence, to ensure that patrons do not congregate in areas of the premises;
 - i. patrons who are not in the same party must be seated two metres apart from one another, unless they are separated by a physical barrier;
 - j. there must be no more than six patrons seated at a table or booth, even if they belong to the same party;
 - k. there must be a distance of two metres between the backs of the seats of patrons seated at adjacent tables or booths, even if members of the same party are seated

at adjacent tables or booths, unless the adjacent tables or booths are separated by physical barriers;

- l. there must be two metres between patrons seated at a counter, unless the patrons are in the same party or they are separated by physical barriers;
- m. if a party of patrons is seated at a counter, there must be no more than six members of the party seated less than two metres apart from one another, unless they are separated by a physical barrier from other members of the party who are seated adjacent to them at the counter;
- n. measures must be put in place to prevent the congregation of patrons outside the premises, such as by taking reservations and requesting patrons to remain in their cars or elsewhere until notified by telephone or an App that there is seating available for them on the premises;
- o. the premises must be assessed for places where patrons may congregate, and measures put in place to avoid congregation;
- p. physical devices, markers or other methods to guide and assist patrons in maintaining a distance of two metres from other patrons if they are not seated must be used.
- q. the premises must be monitored, and patrons reminded to maintain a distance of two metres from one another.
- r. if there are physical barriers between tables or booths or seats at a counter, the tops and bottoms of the physical barriers must be positioned so that the physical barriers block the transmission of droplets produced by breathing, talking, coughing or sneezing between patrons who are seated at adjacent tables, booths or seats at a counter;
- s. dance floors must be closed with physical barriers or occupied with tables;
- t. patrons must not sing, engage in Karaoke or dance on the premises;
- u. jam and open mic sessions must not be held on the premises;
- v. background music and any other background sounds, such as from televisions or other electronic sound producing devices, must be no louder than the volume of normal conversation;
- w. if background music is provided by a live performer or performers or a disc jockey, a physical barrier must be installed between the performers or disc jockey and the patrons which blocks the transmission of droplets produced by performers

or disc jockey, or there must be at least a three metre separation between performers and patrons;

6. The organizer must ensure that the conditions in section 5 are met.
7. If the organizer is not the owner or operator, the owner or operator must be satisfied that the organizer is aware of the requirements which apply to the event and has the capacity to fulfill them.
8. Patrons must comply with
 - a. the limitation on the number of patrons permitted to gather in section 1,
 - b. the distancing and other requirements in sections 5 (d), (f), (i), (j) (k), (l), (m), and (t) and sections 10 and 11 in Part C, and
 - c. measures, and guidance and directions from owners, operators, organizers or staff, designed to avoid the gathering of more than the permitted number of patrons or the congregation of patrons.

This Order does not have an expiration date.

You are required under section 42 of the *Public Health Act* to comply with this Order. Failure to comply with this Order is an offence under section 99 (1) (k) of the *Public Health Act*.

Under section 43 of the *Public Health Act*, you may request me to reconsider this Order if you:

1. Have additional relevant information that was not reasonably available to me when this Order was issued,
2. Have a proposal that was not presented to me when this Order was issued but, if implemented, would
 - (a) meet the objective of the order, and
 - (b) be suitable as the basis of a written agreement under section 38 [may make written agreements]
3. Require more time to comply with the order.

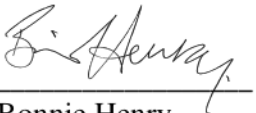
Under section 43 (6) an Order is not suspended during the period of reconsideration unless the health officer agrees, in writing, to suspend it.

If you fail to comply with this Order, I have the authority to take enforcement action against you under Part 4, Division 6 of the *Public Health Act*.

You may contact me at:

Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer
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PO Box 9648 STN PROV GOVT, Victoria BC V8W 9P4
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DATED THIS: 9th day of October 2020.

SIGNED: 
Bonnie Henry
MD, MPH, FRCPC
Provincial Health Officer

DELIVERY BY: Posting to the BC Government the BC Centre for Disease Control websites.

Enclosure: Excerpts of the *Public Health Act* and the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*.

ENCLOSURE

Excerpts of the *Public Health Act* [SBC 2008] c. 28

Definitions

1 In this Act:

"health hazard" means

- (a) a condition, a thing or an activity that
 - (i) endangers, or is likely to endanger, public health, or
 - (ii) interferes, or is likely to interfere, with the suppression of infectious agents or hazardous agents, or
- (b) a prescribed condition, thing or activity, including a prescribed condition, thing or activity that
 - (i) is associated with injury or illness, or
 - (ii) fails to meet a prescribed standard in relation to health, injury or illness;

When orders respecting health hazards and contraventions may be made

30 (1) A health officer may issue an order under this Division only if the health officer reasonably believes that

- (a) a health hazard exists,
- (b) a condition, a thing or an activity presents a significant risk of causing a health hazard,
- (c) a person has contravened a provision of the Act or a regulation made under it, or
- (d) a person has contravened a term or condition of a licence or permit held by the person under this Act.

(2) For greater certainty, subsection (1) (a) to (c) applies even if the person subject to the order is complying with all terms and conditions of a licence, a permit, an approval or another authorization issued under this or any other enactment.

General powers respecting health hazards and contraventions

31 (1) If the circumstances described in section 30 [*when orders respecting health hazards and contraventions may be made*] apply, a health officer may order a person to do anything that the health officer reasonably believes is necessary for any of the following purposes:

- (a) to determine whether a health hazard exists;
- (b) to prevent or stop a health hazard, or mitigate the harm or prevent further harm from a health hazard;
- (c) to bring the person into compliance with the Act or a regulation made under it;
- (d) to bring the person into compliance with a term or condition of a licence or permit held by that person under this Act.

(2) A health officer may issue an order under subsection (1) to any of the following persons:

- (a) a person whose action or omission
 - (i) is causing or has caused a health hazard, or
 - (ii) is not in compliance with the Act or a regulation made under it, or a term or condition of the person's licence or permit;
- (b) a person who has custody or control of a thing, or control of a condition, that
 - (i) is a health hazard or is causing or has caused a health hazard, or
 - (ii) is not in compliance with the Act or a regulation made under it, or a term or condition of the person's licence or permit;
- (c) the owner or occupier of a place where
 - (i) a health hazard is located, or
 - (ii) an activity is occurring that is not in compliance with the Act or a regulation made under it, or a term or condition of the licence or permit of the person doing the activity.

Specific powers respecting health hazards and contraventions

32 (1) An order may be made under this section only

- (a) if the circumstances described in section 30 [*when orders respecting health hazards and contraventions may be made*] apply, and
- (b) for the purposes set out in section 31 (1) [*general powers respecting health hazards and contraventions*].

(2) Without limiting section 31, a health officer may order a person to do one or more of the following:

- (a) have a thing examined, disinfected, decontaminated, altered or destroyed, including
 - (i) by a specified person, or under the supervision or instructions of a specified person,
 - (ii) moving the thing to a specified place, and
 - (iii) taking samples of the thing, or permitting samples of the thing to be taken;
- (b) in respect of a place,
 - (i) leave the place,
 - (ii) not enter the place,
 - (iii) do specific work, including removing or altering things found in the place, and altering or locking the place to restrict or prevent entry to the place,
 - (iv) neither deal with a thing in or on the place nor dispose of a thing from the place, or deal with or dispose of the thing only in accordance with a specified procedure, and
 - (v) if the person has control of the place, assist in evacuating the place or examining persons found in the place, or taking preventive measures in respect of the place or persons found in the place;
- (c) stop operating, or not operate, a thing;
- (d) keep a thing in a specified place or in accordance with a specified procedure;
- (e) prevent persons from accessing a thing;
- (f) not dispose of, alter or destroy a thing, or dispose of, alter or destroy a thing only in accordance with a specified procedure;
- (g) provide to the health officer or a specified person information, records, samples or other matters relevant to a thing's possible infection with an infectious agent or contamination with a hazardous agent, including information respecting persons who may have been exposed to an infectious agent or hazardous agent by the thing;
- (h) wear a type of clothing or personal protective equipment, or change, remove or alter clothing or personal protective equipment, to protect the health and safety of persons;

(i) use a type of equipment or implement a process, or remove equipment or alter equipment or processes, to protect the health and safety of persons;

(j) provide evidence of complying with the order, including

(i) getting a certificate of compliance from a medical practitioner, nurse practitioner or specified person, and

(ii) providing to a health officer any relevant record;

(k) take a prescribed action.

(3) If a health officer orders a thing to be destroyed, the health officer must give the person having custody or control of the thing reasonable time to request reconsideration and review of the order under sections 43 and 44 unless

(a) the person consents in writing to the destruction of the thing, or

(b) Part 5 [*Emergency Powers*] applies.

May make written agreements

38 (1) If the health officer reasonably believes that it would be sufficient for the protection of public health and, if applicable, would bring a person into compliance with this Act or the regulations made under it, or a term or condition of a licence or permit held by the person under this Act, a health officer may do one or both of the following:

(a) instead of making an order under Division 1, 3 or 4, enter into a written agreement with a person, under which the person agrees to do one or more things;

(b) order a person to do one or more things that a person has agreed under paragraph (a) to do, regardless of whether those things could otherwise have been the subject of an order under Division 1, 3 or 4.

(2) If, under the terms of an agreement under subsection (1), a health officer conducts one or more inspections, the health officer may use information resulting from the inspection as the basis of an order under this Act, but must not use the information as the basis on which to

(a) levy an administrative penalty under this Act, or

(b) charge a person with an offence under this Act.

Contents of orders

39 (3) An order may be made in respect of a class of persons.

Duty to comply with orders

42 (1) A person named or described in an order made under this Part must comply with the order.

(2) Subsection (1) applies regardless of whether the person leaves the geographic area for which the health officer who made the order is designated.

Reconsideration of orders

43 (1) A person affected by an order, or the variance of an order, may request the health officer who issued the order or made the variance to reconsider the order or variance if the person

(a) has additional relevant information that was not reasonably available to the health officer when the order was issued or varied,

(b) has a proposal that was not presented to the health officer when the order was issued or varied but, if implemented, would

(i) meet the objective of the order, and

(ii) be suitable as the basis of a written agreement under section 38 [*may make written agreements*], or

(c) requires more time to comply with the order.

(2) A request for reconsideration must be made in the form required by the health officer.

(3) After considering a request for reconsideration, a health officer may do one or more of the following:

(a) reject the request on the basis that the information submitted in support of the request

(i) is not relevant, or

(ii) was reasonably available at the time the order was issued;

(b) delay the date the order is to take effect or suspend the order, if satisfied that doing so would not be detrimental to public health;

(c) confirm, rescind or vary the order.

(4) A health officer must provide written reasons for a decision to reject the request under subsection (3) (a) or to confirm or vary the order under subsection (3) (c).

(5) Following a decision made under subsection (3) (a) or (c), no further request for reconsideration may be made.

(6) An order is not suspended during the period of reconsideration unless the health officer agrees, in writing, to suspend it.

(7) For the purposes of this section,

(a) if an order is made that affects a class of persons, a request for reconsideration may be made by one person on behalf of the class, and

(b) if multiple orders are made that affect a class of persons, or address related matters or issues, a health officer may reconsider the orders separately or together.

(8) If a health officer is unable or unavailable to reconsider an order he or she made, a similarly designated health officer may act under this section in respect of the order as if the similarly designated health officer were reconsidering an order that he or she made.

Review of orders

44 (1) A person affected by an order may request a review of the order under this section only after a reconsideration has been made under section 43 [*reconsideration of orders*].

(2) A request for a review may be made,

(a) in the case of an order made by a medical health officer, to the provincial health officer, or

(b) in the case of an order made by an environmental health officer, to a medical health officer having authority in the geographic area for which the environmental health officer is designated.

(3) If a review is requested, the review is to be based on the record.

(4) If a review is requested, the reviewer may do one or more of the following:

(a) delay the date the order is to take effect or suspend the order, if satisfied that doing so would not be detrimental to public health;

(b) confirm, vary or rescind the order;

(c) refer the matter back to the person who made the order, with or without directions.

(5) A reviewer must provide written reasons for an action taken under subsection (4) (b) or (c), and a person may not request further review of an order.

Offences

99 (1) A person who contravenes any of the following provisions commits an offence:

...

(k) section 42 [*failure to comply with an order of a health officer*], except in respect of an order made under section 29 (2) (e) to (g) [*orders respecting examinations, diagnostic examinations or preventive measures*];

Excerpts of the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act* [SBC 2015] Chapter 19

Conduct at event site or in establishment, service area or liquor store

61 (2) A licensee or permittee or an employee of either must not

(a) sell or serve liquor to an intoxicated person or a person showing signs of intoxication, or

(b) allow

(i) a person in a service area to become intoxicated,

(ii) an intoxicated person to enter or remain in a service area,

(3) A licensee or permittee or an employee of either may,

(a) if he or she believes a person is intoxicated,

(i) request that the person leave a service area, or

(ii) forbid the person from entering a service area,



ORDER OF THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICER

(Pursuant to Sections 30, 31, 32, and 39 (3) *Public Health Act*, S.B.C. 2008)

FOOD AND LIQUOR SERVING PREMISES

The *Public Health Act* is at:

<http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/content/complete/statreg/08028/?xsl=/templates/browse.xsl>
(excerpts enclosed)

- TO: OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF RESTAURANTS, COFFEE SHOPS, CAFES, CAFETERIAS AND FOOD PRIMARY AND LIQUOR PRIMARY ESTABLISHMENTS, INCLUDING PUBS, BARS, LOUNGES AND NIGHTCLUBS, LIQUOR MANUFACTURING FACILITIES THAT HAVE TASTING ROOMS AND PRIVATE CLUBS**
- TO: PATRONS OF RESTAURANTS, COFFEE SHOPS, CAFES, CAFETERIAS AND FOOD PRIMARY AND LIQUOR PRIMARY ESTABLISHMENTS, INCLUDING PUBS, BARS, LOUNGES AND NIGHTCLUBS, LIQUOR MANUFACTURING FACILITIES THAT HAVE TASTING ROOMS AND PRIVATE CLUBS**

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 17, 2020 I provided notice under section 52 (2) of the *Public Health Act* that the transmission of the infectious agent SARS-CoV-2, which has caused cases and outbreaks of a serious communicable disease known as COVID-19 among the population of the Province of British Columbia, constitutes a regional event as defined in section 51 of the *Public Health Act*;
- B. A person infected with SARS-CoV-2 can infect other people with whom the infected person is in contact;
- C. The gathering of people in close contact with one another can promote the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and increase the number of people who develop COVID-19 and become seriously ill; in particular, in recent months, social mingling coupled with the consumption of alcohol which increases risky behavior, and/or the presence of loud background sound which causes people to move closer together to be heard or to speak more forcefully, is associated with significant increases in the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and increases in the number of people who develop COVID-19 and become seriously ill;
- D. With schools and post-secondary institutions opening and the change of seasons bringing cooler weather, people will be interacting more and spending more time indoors which will increase

the risk of the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in the population thereby increasing the number of people who develop COVID-19 and become seriously ill;

- E. For certainty, this Order is directed at restaurants, coffee shops, cafes, cafeterias and food primary and liquor primary establishments, including pubs, bars, lounges and nightclubs, manufacturing facilities that have tasting rooms and private clubs. It is not directed at hospitals, licensed care facilities, assisted living residences, independent living facilities, correctional facilities, industrial camps, school and workplace cafeterias, cafeterias for residents attending educational institutions or other cafeterias that serve food or liquor to residents rather than to the general public.
- F. For further certainty, this Order does not apply to events as defined in my *Gatherings and Events* Order, or to meetings or conferences held in hotels or anywhere else;
- G. You belong to the class of persons to whom this notice is addressed;
- H. I have reason to believe and do believe that
 - a. the risk of an outbreak of COVID-19 among the public constitutes a health hazard under the *Public Health Act*;
 - b. because the risk of outbreaks arising from people gathering to eat or drink in restaurants, coffee shops, cafes, cafeterias and food primary and liquor primary establishments, including pubs, bars, lounges and nightclubs, manufacturing facilities that have tasting rooms and private clubs extends beyond the authority of one or more medical health officers, and coordinated action is needed to protect the public from contracting COVID-19, it is in the public interest for me to exercise the powers in sections 30, 31, 32 and 39 (3) of the *Public Health Act* **TO ORDER** as follows:

THIS ORDER REPEALS AND REPLACES MY ORDER MADE ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

Definitions in this Order:

“nightclub” means a liquor primary establishment at which the main activities are selling liquor and providing music to which patrons can dance;

“patron” means anyone being provided with food or liquor services in a restaurant, coffee shop, café, cafeteria or food primary or liquor primary establishment, including a pub, bar, lounge, nightclub, liquor manufacturing facility with a tasting room or private club, but does not include staff;

“physical barrier” means a barrier which is designed, installed and maintained in accordance with WorkSafeBC guidelines;

“premises” includes both inside and outside areas.

A. OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF LIQUOR PRIMARIES OPERATING AS NIGHTCLUBS

You must cease operating as a nightclub.

B. OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF RESTAURANTS, COFFEE SHOPS, CAFES, CAFETERIAS AND FOOD PRIMARY AND LIQUOR PRIMARY ESTABLISHMENTS, INCLUDING PUBS, BARS, LOUNGES, LIQUOR MANUFACTURING FACILITIES THAT HAVE TASTING ROOMS AND PRIVATE CLUBS (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS “PREMISES”)

You may provide food or drink services, subject to the conditions which follow.

1. Patrons must be able to maintain a distance of two metres from other patrons unless they are separated by physical barriers.
2. If patrons remain on the premises, other than tasting rooms with a liquor manufacturer licence, after being served or serving themselves, there must be sufficient seating for them, whether at tables, booths or counters, and patrons must be seated.
3. In licensed premises, other than cafeterias, private clubs or tasting rooms with a liquor manufacturer licence, patrons must be assigned to a table, booth or counter and shown to their seats. Patrons must stay in the seat assigned to them and must not move from table to table.
4. Liquor may only be served to patrons who are seated, other than in cafeterias, private clubs or tasting rooms with a liquor manufacturer licence.
5. Patrons must remain seated in all premises, other than cafeterias, private clubs or tasting rooms with a liquor manufacturer's licence, except to use a self-serve food or non-alcoholic drink station, use washroom facilities or leave the premises.
6. There must be a sufficient number of staff at premises, other than cafeterias, private clubs or tasting rooms with a liquor manufacturer's licence, to ensure that patrons remain seated.
7. There must be a sufficient number of staff at premises, other than cafeterias, private clubs or tasting rooms with a liquor manufacturer's licence, to ensure that patrons do not congregate in areas of the premises.
8. Patrons who are not in the same party must be seated two metres apart from one another, unless they are separated by a physical barrier.
9. There must be no more than six patrons seated at a table or booth, even if they belong to the same party.
10. There must be a distance of two metres between the backs of the seats of patrons seated at adjacent tables or booths, even if members of the same party are seated at adjacent tables or booths, unless the adjacent tables or booths are separated by physical barriers.
11. There must be two metres between patrons seated at a counter, unless the patrons are in the same party or they are separated by physical barriers.
12. If a party of patrons is seated at a counter, there must be no more than six members of the party seated less than two metres apart from one another, unless they are separated by a

physical barrier from other members of the party who are seated adjacent to them at the counter.

13. If there is a self-serve food or non-alcoholic drink station on the premises,
 - a. hand washing facilities or alcohol-based sanitizers must be within easy reach of the station;
 - b. signs reminding patrons to wash or sanitize their hands before touching self-serve food, drink or other items, and to maintain a two metre distance from other patrons, must be posted at the self-serve station; and
 - c. high touch surfaces at the station, and utensils that are used for self-serve, must be frequently cleaned and sanitized.
14. You must determine the maximum number of patrons who can be accommodated safely on your premises, taking into consideration the requirements set out in the sections above and must document this maximum number in your safety plan.
15. You must monitor the number of patrons present on your premises and ensure that the number present does not exceed the maximum number in your safety plan.
16. You must take steps to prevent the congregation of patrons outside your premises, such as by taking reservations and requesting patrons to remain in their cars or elsewhere until notified by telephone or an App that there is seating available for them on the premises.
17. You must assess your premises for places where patrons may congregate and take steps to avoid congregation.
18. You must use physical devices, install markers or use other methods to guide and assist patrons in maintaining a distance of two metres from other patrons if they are not seated.
19. You must monitor your premises and remind patrons to maintain a distance of two metres from one another.
20. If there are physical barriers between tables or booths or seats at a counter, the tops and bottoms of the physical barriers must be positioned so that the physical barriers block the transmission of droplets produced by breathing, talking, coughing or sneezing between patrons who are seated at adjacent tables, booths or seats at a counter.
21. Dance floors must be closed with physical barriers or occupied with tables.
22. Patrons must not sing, engage in Karaoke or dance on the premises.
23. Jam and open mic sessions must not be held on premises.
24. Background music and any other background sounds, such as from televisions or other electronic sound producing devices, must be no louder than the volume of normal conversation.

25. If background music is provided by a live performer or performers or a disc jockey, a physical barrier must be installed between the performers or disc jockey and the patrons which blocks the transmission of droplets produced by performers or disc jockey, or there must be at least a three metre separation between performers and patrons.
26. Liquor sales for onsite consumption must cease by 10:00 pm.
27. If liquor is served
 - a. the obligations under sections 61 (2) of the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act* must be complied with,
 - b. the directives and guidance provided by the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch to ensure that patrons do not over order, overconsume or binge drink must be followed, and
 - c. the authority under section 61 (3) of the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act* must be exercised when appropriate. (see [Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch website](#))
28. Unless a full meal service is provided, premises which are licensed to serve liquor must close by 11:00 pm and all patrons must vacate the premises. If a full meal service is provided, premises may stay open, but liquor service must not resume until 9:00 am.
29. Liquor must not be consumed on premises by any person, including patrons, owners, operators or staff after 11:00 pm.
30. If, in the ordinary course of business, you collect information from patrons for the purpose of making reservations or seating patrons,
 - a. you must collect the first and last name and telephone number, or email address, of at least one member of every party of patrons, and you may collect this information from other members of a party or from other patrons who wish to provide it; and
 - b. you must retain this information for thirty days, in case there is a need for contact tracing on the part of the medical health officer, in which case you must provide the information to the medical health officer
31. The *Gatherings and Events* Order applies to the holding of events on your premises.

C. PATRONS

1. You must not be present in premises operating as a nightclub.
2. You must comply with the distancing and other requirements in sections 3, 5, 8 to 12, 22, 28 and 29 of Part B, and with measures, and guidance and directions from owners, operators or staff, designed to avoid the congregation of patrons.

This Order does not have an expiration date.

You are required under section 42 of the *Public Health Act* to comply with this Order. Failure to comply with this Order is an offence under section 99 (1) (k) of the *Public Health Act*.

Under section 43 of the *Public Health Act*, you may request me to reconsider this Order if you:

1. Have additional relevant information that was not reasonably available to me when this Order was issued,
2. Have a proposal that was not presented to me when this Order was issued but, if implemented, would
 - (a) meet the objective of the order, and
 - (b) be suitable as the basis of a written agreement under section 38 [may make written agreements]
3. Require more time to comply with the order.

Under section 43 (6) an order is not suspended during the period of reconsideration unless the health officer agrees, in writing, to suspend it.

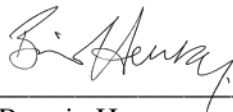
If you fail to comply with this Order, I have the authority to take enforcement action against you under Part 4, Division 6 of the *Public Health Act*.

You may contact me at:

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DATED THIS: 9th day of October 2020.

SIGNED:



Bonnie Henry
 MD, MPH, FRCPC
 Provincial Health Officer

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Enclosure: Excerpts of the *Public Health Act* and the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*.

ENCLOSURE**Excerpts of the Public Health Act [SBC 2008] c. 28*****Definitions***

1 In this Act:

"health hazard" means

- (a) a condition, a thing or an activity that
 - (i) endangers, or is likely to endanger, public health, or
 - (ii) interferes, or is likely to interfere, with the suppression of infectious agents or hazardous agents, or
- (b) a prescribed condition, thing or activity, including a prescribed condition, thing or activity that
 - (i) is associated with injury or illness, or
 - (ii) fails to meet a prescribed standard in relation to health, injury or illness;

When orders respecting health hazards and contraventions may be made

30 (1) A health officer may issue an order under this Division only if the health officer reasonably believes that

- (a) a health hazard exists,
- (b) a condition, a thing or an activity presents a significant risk of causing a health hazard,
- (c) a person has contravened a provision of the Act or a regulation made under it, or
- (d) a person has contravened a term or condition of a licence or permit held by the person under this Act.

(2) For greater certainty, subsection (1) (a) to (c) applies even if the person subject to the order is complying with all terms and conditions of a licence, a permit, an approval or another authorization issued under this or any other enactment.

General powers respecting health hazards and contraventions

31 (1) If the circumstances described in section 30 [*when orders respecting health hazards and contraventions may be made*] apply, a health officer may order a person to do anything that the health officer reasonably believes is necessary for any of the following purposes:

- (a) to determine whether a health hazard exists;
- (b) to prevent or stop a health hazard, or mitigate the harm or prevent further harm from a health hazard;
- (c) to bring the person into compliance with the Act or a regulation made under it;

(d) to bring the person into compliance with a term or condition of a licence or permit held by that person under this Act.

(2) A health officer may issue an order under subsection (1) to any of the following persons:

(a) a person whose action or omission

(i) is causing or has caused a health hazard, or

(ii) is not in compliance with the Act or a regulation made under it, or a term or condition of the person's licence or permit;

(b) a person who has custody or control of a thing, or control of a condition, that

(i) is a health hazard or is causing or has caused a health hazard, or

(ii) is not in compliance with the Act or a regulation made under it, or a term or condition of the person's licence or permit;

(c) the owner or occupier of a place where

(i) a health hazard is located, or

(ii) an activity is occurring that is not in compliance with the Act or a regulation made under it, or a term or condition of the licence or permit of the person doing the activity.

Specific powers respecting health hazards and contraventions

32 (1) An order may be made under this section only

(a) if the circumstances described in section 30 [*when orders respecting health hazards and contraventions may be made*] apply, and

(b) for the purposes set out in section 31 (1) [*general powers respecting health hazards and contraventions*].

(2) Without limiting section 31, a health officer may order a person to do one or more of the following:

(a) have a thing examined, disinfected, decontaminated, altered or destroyed, including

(i) by a specified person, or under the supervision or instructions of a specified person,

(ii) moving the thing to a specified place, and

(iii) taking samples of the thing, or permitting samples of the thing to be taken;

(b) in respect of a place,

(i) leave the place,

(ii) not enter the place,

(iii) do specific work, including removing or altering things found in the place, and altering or locking the place to restrict or prevent entry to the place,

(iv) neither deal with a thing in or on the place nor dispose of a thing from the place, or deal with or dispose of the thing only in accordance with a specified procedure, and

(v) if the person has control of the place, assist in evacuating the place or examining persons found in the place, or taking preventive measures in respect of the place or persons found in the place;

(c) stop operating, or not operate, a thing;

(d) keep a thing in a specified place or in accordance with a specified procedure;

(e) prevent persons from accessing a thing;

(f) not dispose of, alter or destroy a thing, or dispose of, alter or destroy a thing only in accordance with a specified procedure;

(g) provide to the health officer or a specified person information, records, samples or other matters relevant to a thing's possible infection with an infectious agent or contamination with a hazardous agent, including information respecting persons who may have been exposed to an infectious agent or hazardous agent by the thing;

(h) wear a type of clothing or personal protective equipment, or change, remove or alter clothing or personal protective equipment, to protect the health and safety of persons;

(i) use a type of equipment or implement a process, or remove equipment or alter equipment or processes, to protect the health and safety of persons;

(j) provide evidence of complying with the order, including

(i) getting a certificate of compliance from a medical practitioner, nurse practitioner or specified person, and

(ii) providing to a health officer any relevant record;

(k) take a prescribed action.

(3) If a health officer orders a thing to be destroyed, the health officer must give the person having custody or control of the thing reasonable time to request reconsideration and review of the order under sections 43 and 44 unless

- (a) the person consents in writing to the destruction of the thing, or
- (b) Part 5 [*Emergency Powers*] applies.

May make written agreements

38 (1) If the health officer reasonably believes that it would be sufficient for the protection of public health and, if applicable, would bring a person into compliance with this Act or the regulations made under it, or a term or condition of a licence or permit held by the person under this Act, a health officer may do one or both of the following:

- (a) instead of making an order under Division 1, 3 or 4, enter into a written agreement with a person, under which the person agrees to do one or more things;
- (b) order a person to do one or more things that a person has agreed under paragraph (a) to do, regardless of whether those things could otherwise have been the subject of an order under Division 1, 3 or 4.

(2) If, under the terms of an agreement under subsection (1), a health officer conducts one or more inspections, the health officer may use information resulting from the inspection as the basis of an order under this Act, but must not use the information as the basis on which to

- (a) levy an administrative penalty under this Act, or
- (b) charge a person with an offence under this Act.

Contents of orders

39 (3) An order may be made in respect of a class of persons.

Duty to comply with orders

42 (1) A person named or described in an order made under this Part must comply with the order.

(2) Subsection (1) applies regardless of whether the person leaves the geographic area for which the health officer who made the order is designated.

Reconsideration of orders

43 (1) A person affected by an order, or the variance of an order, may request the health officer who issued the order or made the variance to reconsider the order or variance if the person

(a) has additional relevant information that was not reasonably available to the health officer when the order was issued or varied,

(b) has a proposal that was not presented to the health officer when the order was issued or varied but, if implemented, would

(i) meet the objective of the order, and

(ii) be suitable as the basis of a written agreement under section 38 [*may make written agreements*], or

(c) requires more time to comply with the order.

(2) A request for reconsideration must be made in the form required by the health officer.

(3) After considering a request for reconsideration, a health officer may do one or more of the following:

(a) reject the request on the basis that the information submitted in support of the request

(i) is not relevant, or

(ii) was reasonably available at the time the order was issued;

(b) delay the date the order is to take effect or suspend the order, if satisfied that doing so would not be detrimental to public health;

(c) confirm, rescind or vary the order.

(4) A health officer must provide written reasons for a decision to reject the request under subsection (3) (a) or to confirm or vary the order under subsection (3) (c).

(5) Following a decision made under subsection (3) (a) or (c), no further request for reconsideration may be made.

(6) An order is not suspended during the period of reconsideration unless the health officer agrees, in writing, to suspend it.

(7) For the purposes of this section,

(a) if an order is made that affects a class of persons, a request for reconsideration may be made by one person on behalf of the class, and

(b) if multiple orders are made that affect a class of persons, or address related matters or issues, a health officer may reconsider the orders separately or together.

(8) If a health officer is unable or unavailable to reconsider an order he or she made, a similarly designated health officer may act under this section in respect of the order as if the similarly designated health officer were reconsidering an order that he or she made.

Review of orders

44 (1) A person affected by an order may request a review of the order under this section only after a reconsideration has been made under section 43 [*reconsideration of orders*].

(2) A request for a review may be made,

(a) in the case of an order made by a medical health officer, to the provincial health officer, or

(b) in the case of an order made by an environmental health officer, to a medical health officer having authority in the geographic area for which the environmental health officer is designated.

(3) If a review is requested, the review is to be based on the record.

(4) If a review is requested, the reviewer may do one or more of the following:

(a) delay the date the order is to take effect or suspend the order, if satisfied that doing so would not be detrimental to public health;

(b) confirm, vary or rescind the order;

(c) refer the matter back to the person who made the order, with or without directions.

(5) A reviewer must provide written reasons for an action taken under subsection (4) (b) or (c), and a person may not request further review of an order.

Offences

99 (1) A person who contravenes any of the following provisions commits an offence:

...

(k) section 42 [*failure to comply with an order of a health officer*], except in respect of an order made under section 29 (2) (e) to (g) [*orders respecting examinations, diagnostic examinations or preventive measures*];

Excerpts of the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act* [SBC 2015] Chapter 19**Conduct at event site or in establishment, service area or liquor store**

- 61** (2) A licensee or permittee or an employee of either must not
- (a) sell or serve liquor to an intoxicated person or a person showing signs of intoxication, or
 - (b) allow
 - (i) a person in a service area to become intoxicated,
 - (ii) an intoxicated person to enter or remain in a service area,
- (3) A licensee or permittee or an employee of either may,
- (a) if he or she believes a person is intoxicated,
 - (i) request that the person leave a service area, or
 - (ii) forbid the person from entering a service area,

Re: FHA

From: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>
To: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Collins, Teri HLTH:EX <Teri.Collins@gov.bc.ca>, Brown, Stephen R HLTH:EX <Stephen.Brown@gov.bc.ca>, Trevor Corneil (trevor.corneil@bccdc.ca) <trevor.corneil@bccdc.ca>
Sent: October 12, 2020 8:26:33 PM PDT

Thank you Brian, I was just writing to say that.
I do think a call with Elizabeth and perhaps Victoria would be helpful.
My best,
Bonnie

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On Oct 12, 2020, at 7:42 PM, Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Small but Important correction:
In general the order should NOT be applied to corporate leadership.
Sorry if I created any confusion.
Brian

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On Oct 11, 2020, at 10:31 AM, Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Teri. I can respond to the first question.

In general the order should be applied to corporate leadership.

The first order that set the stage for this was the *Information Collection to Allocate Staff WORKING IN FACILITIES* which refers to "D. The movement of people such as employees and contracted workers (hereinafter referred to collectively as "staff") who are routinely present at facilities where health care and/or personal care"
(<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/reports-publications/covid-19-pho-order-info-collection-health-care-staff.pdf>)

The single site order further points to this, saying "D. The movement of people between facilities such as staff and volunteers who are routinely present at facilities can promote the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and increase the risk of infection with SARS-CoV-2 of persons- in- care,

patients, residents (hereinafter referred to collectively as “residents”) and staff and volunteers;”. This order also gives latitude to the medical health officer to make exemptions if there is any doubt about the intent i.e. “E. The risk differs from facility to facility and in different regions of the province, and the medical health officer is in the best position to assess local circumstances and to make decisions about the assignment of staff and to make exemptions;” (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-order-long-term-care-facility-staff-assignment.pdf>)

Hope this helps.

Thanks.
Brian

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Sent: Saturday, October 10, 2020 3:05 PM
To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX; Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX; Corneil, Trevor HLTH:EX
Cc: Brown, Stephen R HLTH:EX
Subject: FHA

Hi, Happy thanksgiving to you all. I hope you’re getting somewhat of a break. Having said that, I am spending some time trying to catch up so apologies for the weekend email.

We have several issues emerging in FHA.

1. CMHO has indicated corporate leadership (CEOs/VPs) of the LTC provider organizations requires exemption from SSO, and without exemptions in place they are not being given access to facilities.^{s.13}
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- a. I would appreciate your perspective – particularly as it relates to SSO application in this instance – as these ‘staff’ are not engaging in direct patient care, I am unsure why they would be subject to SSO – could you please confirm the intention?

2. IPC – de-cluttering and rigid approach – this is the issue in my Sept 30 email to you (attached), just hoping we can address?
3. Overly restrictive interpretation of visitor policies including essential visitor policies – this is the substance of the one serious complaint we forwarded to the CMHO and we have had two others this week indicating care and health status have been impacted due to essential visitors not being allowed in.

4. Communication between facilities and during hand-off on patient status and appropriate precautions to be taken. This issue has been raised with both BCEHS and VP leads in both program and Pandemic planning.

I am around any time this weekend to chat, or happy to book time in our upcoming week.

Thanks,

Teri

Teri Collins, MA

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updated masking policy

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Sent: October 23, 2020 8:46:09 AM PDT
Attachments: Policy for mask use 22Oct2020 815pm.docx

Bonnie, attached is where the masking policy landed. I will be speaking with Peter today and the intention is to bring it to LC on Monday.

Any clangers, please let me know.

Lorie

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RE: Full contact sport - water polo

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To: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>, Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 23, 2020 9:02:35 AM PDT

Hi Brian and Bonnie,

In the viaSport Guidelines for Phase 3 ("progressively loosen" phase) the language is a bit vague as it still suggests sports should be modified to support physical distancing but then also states that for sports that generally involve participant interaction within two metres: "introduction of activities involving either close proximity or physical contact should only occur within a sport cohort" (cohort info is below).

I agree we should not move to Phase 4 ("new normal") at this point, but given the language for Phase 3 is "progressively loosen", I do feel like this implies an ongoing shift towards more physical contact. Perhaps we want to have them tighten this up a bit or even split this phase into a few more concrete ones. As per e-mail below, the concern that some kids are currently in multiple community sport cohorts as well as their learning cohort at school is something that's come up elsewhere and we can maybe work with sport group to create some clear messaging about.

The cohort sizes for Phase 3 are based on the characteristics of the sport, and they've created categories for different sports and cohort sizes.

- Group A (individual sports that can maintain physical distancing): Where physical distancing can occur, no cohorts (otherwise 100 person cohort)
- Group B (sports with infrequent contact: baseball, lawnbowling, volleyball): up to 100 person cohorts
- Group C (sports with frequent or sustained contact; e.g. basketball): cohorts up to 50 people or four teams
- Group D (combative sports; e.g. wrestling): cohorts up to 10 people

https://www.viasport.ca/sites/default/files/Phase_3_Return_to_Sport_Guidelines_web_09-30-2020.pdf

Cheers,

- D

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-----Original Message-----

From: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 23, 2020 7:32 AM
To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Naiman, Daniel HLTH:EX <Daniel.Naiman@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Full contact sport - water polo

Thanks Bonnie.

Am copying Daniel to put on the list of issues for the new committee to address.

Daniel - could you remind us about what is the current viaSport guidance on full contact in sports and the idea of cohorting. I know there is a lot of pent up demand to get things going as they were before but we are starting to hear about outbreaks related to team sport events.

Brian

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From: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 22, 2020 6:33 PM
To: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Full contact sport - water polo

Could you please refer to the sport WG. This seems a bit much right now. Perhaps we ought to discuss with VIASport that moving ahead right now is not advised and they should stick with the stage they are at. What do you think?
b

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Subject: Full contact sport - water polo

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Dear Dr. Henry,

I'm sure you won't have time to read this but I hope someone in your office does. My s.22 plays water polo and we have just returned to sport starting in September in outdoor pools and just recently at indoor pools in Surrey. I have been told that ViaSport has just approved moving to Phase 3 which permits full contact in sports like water polo. In water polo, players would essentially be breathing directly into each other's faces. The cohort idea has been

suggested so that they may play with other Lower Mainland teams. So they have a cohort within their own club of 50 to practice with and then they have another cohort with two other clubs that they play against. Then every athlete is in a different learning group at school. How is this safe?

We live in Surrey and see the numbers rising and positivity rates of almost 5% (even with the film industry skewing those rates with their negative tests). I wonder how public health is allowing ViaSport to proceed in returning essentially back to pre-COVID rules.

We were happy to participate in sport with physical distancing measures in place but now I feel I cannot allow my children to participate, which will directly negatively impact their physical and mental health.

Sincerely,

s.22

RE: LTC Guidelines

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Sent: October 23, 2020 9:57:24 AM PDT

Good idea and we can follow up on Isobel's survey too. Maybe include Ian so he is up on the thinking/
b

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Sent: October 23, 2020 9:45 AM
To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Peterson, Erin HLTH:EX <Erin.Peterson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: LTC Guidelines
Importance: High

For consideration? I think I'll set us a quick follow up discussion on visitors, just me, you, Steve?

From: Gustafson, Reka [BCCDC] <reka.gustafson@phsa.ca>
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Subject: LTC Guidelines
Importance: High

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Dear Teri,

Thank you for taking this feedback into consideration:

1. Given the length of the pandemic most HAs have now been directing LTC facilities that residents can leave the home to attend medical appointments, as well as family visits, shopping, etc, and this is reflected in the FAQ.
 - The Infection Prevention and Control Requirements for COVID-19 in Long Term Care and Seniors' Assisted Living (http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID19_LongTermCareAssistedLiving.pdf) still state that "Residents are

advised to limit their external activities and outside appointments to essential only (i.e., medically necessary)." On page 8 which is no longer consistent with practice.

2. Regarding designated visitors, the request is that a visitor should be designated on a *per visit* basis (noting that all visits need to be scheduled).
 - The IPAC document states that *"Family/social visits are intended to support the emotional well-being of clients/residents and are limited to a single designated visitor per client."*
 - Provincial direction to the sector has been that this means only one visitor can be named, and can't be changed from visit to visit (i.e. multiple children of a resident are not allowed to visit at different times). This is difficult to sustain for families, and the request is to change it so families can share visiting.
3. IPAC visitor section does not distinguish between LTC and Assisted Living, and some AL facilities (or sites with both LTC and AL floors) are the same standards to AL. The request is to distinguish between the two because these visitation restrictions in most cases ought not to apply to AL.

Thank you very much!

Reka

RE: For PHO Review: KM_New order

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Sent: October 27, 2020 11:30:16 AM PDT
Attachments: KM_PHO Order private gatherings_Oct 26 2020_DR1 BE.docx

Some suggestions from me.

In particular FH suggests clear messaging to not report concerns about gatherings to the local health department but to local police, as health workers are extremely busy dealing with COVID-19 cases and contact follow up.

Thanks.

Brian

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Good idea and I have some brief info in red below based on our discussions.
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Hi all –

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Dear Brian, Bonnie, Reka –

There was lots of discussion at today's SOWG meeting (entire membership cc'd) about the masking messages in yesterday's media briefing. Key questions and points:

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masks should be used (e.g. when distance can't be maintained and there is no barrier...in a retail store or grocery etc.)

- 3) Although it was clearly stated that masks are *another* layer of protection, there is real concern in SOWG about the perception that masks can negate all the other protective practices that have been enacted – reduced crowding, distancing, barriers, hand hygiene, etc. WorkSafe is particularly concerned about the potential interpretation that these approaches from higher up the hierarchy of controls are no longer seen as effective. If the masks expectation applies to workplaces, there is a strong desire to be able to tell employers and employees to “keep on doing *everything* you are doing in your safety plan, and add masks to catch those interactions and exposures that slip through the cracks”. That is exactly right, it is an *additional* barrier. There has been some good studies recently that show people who wear masks are MORE likely to comply with other controls as well like keeping distances etc.

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Dear Chief MHOs.

As we are revising the Gatherings and Events order, and so there are no surprises, we are proposing to include an enabling provision in the next PHO order to allow orders issued by you to be linked to the PHO order so that the compliance and enforcement assistance of the police can be used for MHO orders. This has come up as part of the strategy to assist Fraser Health deal with the recent surge in cases. This does not limit your authority to issue orders for gatherings and events, but health officers would be the compliance and enforcement officials for any non-linked MHO orders. Checking with you to see if any concerns with the following:

F. MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICERS

Recognizing that the risk differs in different regions of the province and that medical health officers are in the best position to assess local circumstances and to determine whether or not additional or more restrictive steps need to be taken to reduce the risk arising from people gathering together, I
FURTHER ORDER:

1. A medical health officer may issue an order further to this Order for the purpose of having the provisions of the order incorporated into this Order. Such an order may add further prohibitions, or impose more restrictive limitations or conditions, with respect to gatherings and events in the geographic area of the province, or a part of the geographic area of the province, for which the medical health officer is designated and, subject to section 2, on my approval of the order, the provisions of the order, are incorporated into this Order and take effect when posted on my website.
2. While it is in force, a provision in an order made by a medical health officer further to this Order and approved by me which adds further prohibitions or imposes more restrictive limitations or conditions than this Order applies in the geographic area of the province, or a part of the geographic area of the province, for which the medical health officer is designated, despite the provisions of this Order.

Thanks.

Brian

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RE: PHO Gatherings and Events Order - FOR APPROVAL

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Thank you, that looks good.

Approved.

Bonnie

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I gratefully acknowledge that I live and work on the traditional unceded territory of the Lekwungen Peoples, specifically the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations. Hay'sxw'qu Si'em

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Importance: High

Hi Bonnie.

Bringing back higher in your in-box for approval so we can get this published tomorrow.

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Also took out the sports related issues that were included yesterday as the consultation resulted in that getting more complicated, and is not urgent, so will sort those out in the next couple of weeks.

In addition to now including the limit on social gatherings in homes to 6 plus occupants and enabling linkage of this order to MHO orders, some additional changes have been made, are highlighted, and in summary are:

- Dis-applied the order to court sittings as these are sometimes held in recreations centre halls, hotel meeting rooms and we heard building owners were concerned that these were events and that the *Gatherings and Events* order applied.
- Clarified that classes or practices in recreation centres, pools or fitness facilities are not events.

- Dancing and Karaoke is now not allowed at any event (previously was allowed at events that were not in restaurants, pubs and bars). Singing by patrons is still allowed (thinking of church services, choir events), except in food and liquor serving premises.
- The requirement for one-hour cleaning between events has been changed to be outcome oriented, based on adequate time to clean and ventilate, ensure people disperse after an event and ensure that there is no mixing between groups of people coming and leaving an event. This should assist in dealing with issues that Ingrid flagged where “events” held in temples, churches and religious institutions for the most part operate according to the rules, but then people gather in receptions and socialize following the service in the temple, church, and other space which can result in transmissions.

There is new part that allows MHO orders to be linked if they issue complementary, more restrictive orders to the PHO order so that the enforcement mechanisms of the EP Act order which allows police to enforce the *Gatherings and Events* order can be used for the MHO order. This linkage will be made by you authorizing posting of the MHO order to the PHO order website, rather than formal approval as mentioned yesterday. This section does not preclude MHOs from independently issuing orders that are not linked to your order, but then health officers would be the compliance and enforcement officials. As you will recall I sent this idea to Chief MHOs and have heard support and no objections.

Thanks.

Brian

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Hi Bonnie. Here is the revised order for your approval.

In addition to now including the limit on social gatherings in homes to 6 plus occupants and the enabling linkage of this order to MHO orders, some minor additional changes have been made, are highlighted, and in summary are:

- Dis-applied the order to court sittings as these are sometimes held in recreations centre halls, hotel meeting rooms and we heard building owners were concerned that these were events and that the Gatherings and Events order applied.
- Clarified that classes or practices in recreation centres, pools or fitness facilities are not events.
- Clarified that teams competitions are limited to 50 people, which is consistent with the viaSport guidelines. This is to deal with sports team tournaments that are springing up and some ambiguity about numbers limitations. 50 spectators at a game would still be allowed. This has been sent to the sports advisors for comment.
- Dancing and Karaoke is now not allowed at any event (previously was allowed at events that were not in restaurants, pubs and bars). Singing by patrons is still allowed (thinking of church services, choir events), except in food and liquor serving premises.

- The requirement for one-hour cleaning between events has been changed to be outcome oriented, based on adequate time to clean and ventilate, ensure people disperse after an event and ensure that there is no mixing between groups of people coming and leaving an event. This should assist in dealing with issues that Ingrid flagged where “events” held in temples, churches and religious institutions for the most part operate according to the rules, but then people gather in receptions and socialize following the service in the temple, church, and other space which can result in transmissions. Might be something to mention in your press conference.
- Included a new part that allows MHOs, with your approval, to link complementary, more restrictive orders to your order so that the enforcement mechanisms of the EP Act order which allows police to enforce the *Gatherings and Events* order can be used for the MHO order. This does not preclude MHOs from independently issuing orders that are not linked to your order, but then health officers would be the compliance and enforcement officials. This is an enabling provision so should not be a concern to MHOs, and given the shortage of time you will see that I have concurrently sent to Chief MHOs.

Thanks.

Brian

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PHO Order re Gatherings and Events for Web Posting

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Good morning.

Please replace the October 9 order with this new order on the PHO website asap today so that there is clarity on the rules prior to the weekend. Please move the October 9 order to the Archive section.

Changes include:

- Confirms oral order of October 26 which limited social gatherings in private residences to 6 plus the occupants. Note that for consistency the number of people allowed in a vacation accommodation for an event, in addition to the occupants, is increased from 5 to 6.
- Clarifies that gatherings preceding or following an event are also an event, and requires that people must disperse after an event to avoid this problem. This should assist in dealing with issues flagged by Fraser Health, but likely happening elsewhere, where “events” held in temples, churches and other religious institutions for the most part operate according to the rules, but then people gather in receptions and continue to socialize without care after the service in the temple, church, and other space, which can result in transmissions. We have heard that this has also been a problem wrt sporting events.
- Dis-applied the order to court sittings as these are sometimes held in recreations centre halls, hotel meeting rooms and other places. We heard building owners were concerned that these were events and that the *Gatherings and Events* order should be applied.
- Clarified that classes or practices in recreation centres, pools or fitness facilities are not events.
- Dancing and Karaoke is now not allowed at any event (previously was allowed at events that were not happening in food and liquor serving premises).
- The requirement for one-hour cleaning between events has been changed to be outcome oriented, based on ensuring adequate time to clean and ventilate, ensure people disperse after an event and ensure that there is no mixing between groups of people coming and leaving an event.
- There is new part that allows MHO orders to be linked to the PHO order if they issue related, more restrictive orders so that the enforcement mechanisms of the *Emergency Program Act* Gatherings and Events order, which allows police and provincial compliance and enforcement officials to enforce the PHO orders, can be used for the MHO order. This linkage will be made by the PHO approving posting the MHO order to the PHO order website. This section does not preclude MHOs from independently issuing gatherings and events orders, but then health officers would be the compliance and enforcement officials.

Thanks and have a good, safe weekend.

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Good morning.

Attached is the new Gatherings and Events order that will be posted to the PHO website today. Changes include:

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Thanks to everyone who helped with these revisions and have a good, safe weekend!

Brian

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ORDER OF THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICER

(Pursuant to Sections 30, 31, 32 and 39 (3) *Public Health Act*, S.B.C. 2008)

GATHERINGS AND EVENTS

The *Public Health Act* is at:

<http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/content/complete/statreg/08028/?xsl=/templates/browse.xsl>
(excerpts enclosed)

- TO: OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF BANQUET HALLS**
- TO: OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF VACATION ACCOMMODATION**
- TO: OCCUPANTS OF VACATION ACCOMMODATION AND GUESTS**
- TO: OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS OF PRIVATE RESIDENCES AND GUESTS**
- TO: OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF PLACES, INCLUDING PREMISES SUBJECT TO THE *FOOD AND LIQUOR SERVING PREMISES ORDER***
- TO: PERSONS WHO ORGANIZE EVENTS**
- TO: PERSONS WHO ATTEND EVENTS**
- TO: MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICERS**

WHEREAS:

1. On March 17, 2020 I provided notice under section 52 (2) of the *Public Health Act* that the transmission of the infectious agent SARS-CoV-2, which has caused cases and outbreaks of a serious communicable disease known as COVID-19 among the population of the Province of British Columbia, constitutes a regional event as defined in section 51 of the *Public Health Act*;
2. The SARS-CoV-2 virus, an infectious agent, can cause outbreaks of COVID-19;
3. A person infected with SARS-CoV-2 can infect other people with whom the infected person is in direct contact, through droplets in the air, or from fluid containing SARS-CoV-2 left on surfaces;

4. The gathering of people in close contact with one another can promote the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and increase the number of people who develop COVID-19 and become seriously ill;
5. Social mingling coupled with the consumption of alcohol which increases risky behavior, and/or the presence of loud background sound which causes people to move closer together to be heard or to speak more forcefully, is associated with significant increases in the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and increases the number of people who develop COVID-19 and become seriously ill;
6. With schools and post-secondary institutions operating and the change of seasons bringing cooler weather, people are interacting more and spending more time indoors which increases the risk of the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in the population thereby increasing the number of people who develop COVID-19 and become seriously ill;
7. Seasonal and other celebrations in private residences have resulted in the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and increases in the number of people who develop COVID-19 and become seriously ill;
8. For certainty, this Order does not apply to health care related events such as immunization clinics, health authority COVID-19 testing centres and blood donation clinics; court sittings wherever they occur; workers at a worksite when engaged in their work activities; workers living at a work camp; students, teachers or instructors at a school or post-secondary educational institution when engaged in educational activities; individuals attending regularly scheduled classes or practices in a recreation centre, pool or fitness facility; customers in a mall or retail establishment when engaged in shopping activities or seeking services; individuals attending an episodic vending market such as a Farmers Market or a Community Market which is subject to the *Vending Markets Order*; individuals in a campground or any other place when not attending an event; or the use of any place for municipal, provincial or federal election purposes.
9. For further certainty, this Order applies to private residences, private clubs and meetings or conferences held in hotels or any other place.
10. I have reason to believe and do believe that
 - (i) the risk of an outbreak of COVID-19 among the public constitutes a health hazard under the *Public Health Act*;
 - (ii) because the risk of outbreaks resulting from the gathering of people and attendance at events extends beyond the authority of one or more medical health officers and coordinated action is needed to protect the public from contracting COVID-19, it is

in the public interest for me to exercise the powers in sections 30, 31, 32 and 39 (3) of the *Public Health Act* **TO ORDER** as follows:

THIS ORDER REPEALS AND REPLACES MY ORDER OF OCTOBER 9, 2020 WITH RESPECT TO *GATHERINGS AND EVENTS* AND CONFIRMS MY ORAL ORDER OF OCTOBER 26, 2020 LIMITING THE NUMBER OF PERSONS IN ADDITION TO THE OCCUPANTS WHO MAY GATHER IN A PRIVATE RESIDENCE

Definitions in this Order:

“banquet hall” means a stand-alone premises built for the purpose of holding large social events, including banquets, generally involving many hundreds of people. It does not include the premises associated with a private club, hotel, house of worship, recreation centre, sports organization or other non-profit organization with a community, educational, historical, sports or similar purpose, or owned or operated or otherwise controlled by a government;

“event” refers to anything which gathers people together whether on a one-time, regular or irregular basis, including a gathering in vacation accommodation, a private residence, banquet hall or other place, a party, worship service, ceremony or celebration of any type, reception, wedding, funeral, celebration of life, musical, theatrical or dance entertainment or performance, live band performance, disc jockey performance, strip dancing, comedic act, art show, magic show, puppet show, fashion show, book signing, reading, recitation, display, movie, film, meeting, conference, lecture, talk, educational presentation (except in a school or post-secondary educational institution), auction, fund raising benefit, contest, competition, quiz, game, rally, festival, presentation, demonstration, athletic, sporting or other physical activity, exhibition, market or fair, including a trade fair, agricultural fair, seasonal fair or episodic indoor event that has as its primary purpose the sale of merchandise or services e.g. Christmas craft markets, home shows, antique fairs and the like and for certainty includes a gathering proceeding or following another event;

“guest” means a person who attends an event in vacation accommodation or a private residence;

“organizer” means the person responsible for organizing an event and the person who acts as host at an event;

“owner” includes an occupier or operator or person otherwise responsible for a place;

“patron” means a person who attends an event, including a guest and an occupant for the purposes of Part B, but does not include staff in a place subject to the *Food and Liquor Serving Premises* order, event staff, volunteers, vendors, exhibitors, performers, presenters, the members of a team engaged in an event, team managers, coaches, persons such as referees, time keepers or score keepers, and staff associated with any of the foregoing;

“physical barrier” means a barrier which is designed, installed and maintained in accordance with WorkSafeBC guidelines;

“a place” includes areas both inside and outside, and premises not ordinarily open to the public, but does not include a private residence, vacation accommodation or a banquet hall;

“occupant” means an individual who occupies vacation accommodation or resides in a private residence;

“private event” means an event only open to individuals who are known to, and invited by name by, the person by whom, or on whose behalf, the event is organized;

“private residence” includes areas both inside and outside;

“vacation accommodation” means a house, townhouse, cottage, cabin, apartment, condominium, mobile home, recreational vehicle, hotel suite, tent, yurt, houseboat or any other type of living accommodation and associated deck, garden or yard, when used for vacation purposes by the owner, tenant, guest or any other person;

A. BANQUET HALLS:

1. The holding of an event in a banquet hall *[see definition above]* is prohibited.
2. For certainty, this does not include the use of banquet halls for the purposes of holding municipal, provincial or federal elections, or health care related events such as immunization clinics, health authority COVID-19 testing centres or blood donation clinics.

B. VACATION ACCOMMODATION AND PRIVATE RESIDENCES

1. The gathering of more than six guests in addition to the occupants in vacation accommodation *[see definition above]* or a private residence *[see definition above]* for the purposes of an event is prohibited.
2. Subject to the maximum number in section 1, a guest may only attend an event in vacation accommodation or a private residence if there is space available inside to permit all individuals who do not reside together to maintain a distance of two metres from one another.
3. The owner of vacation accommodation must require any tenant, guest or other person using or occupying the vacation accommodation to comply with section 1.
4. Occupants and guests must comply with sections 1 and section 2.

C. PLACES NOT SUBJECT TO THE *FOOD AND LIQUOR SERVING PREMISES ORDER*

1. Subject to section 15, the gathering of more than fifty patrons at a place *[see definition above]* for the purpose of an event is prohibited.
2. Up to fifty patrons may attend an event in a place if the following conditions are met:
 - a. there is an organizer of the event;
 - b. access to the event is controlled;
 - c. the number of patrons is closely monitored;
 - d. there is sufficient space available to permit the patrons to maintain a distance of two metres from one another;
 - e. the patrons maintain a distance of two metres from one another when standing or sitting, unless they belong to the same party;
 - f. measures are put in place to prevent the congregation of patrons outside the place, such as by taking reservations and requesting patrons to remain in their cars or elsewhere until notified by telephone or an App that there is room for them;
 - g. the place is assessed for areas where patrons may congregate, and measures are put in place to avoid congregation;
 - h. physical devices, markers or other methods are used to guide and assist patrons in maintaining a distance of two metres from other patrons, if they are not seated;
 - i. if there are tables provided for the use of patrons, no more than six patrons sit at a table, even if they belong to the same party, and there are at least two metres between the backs of the chairs at one table and the backs of the chairs at another table, unless the chairs are separated by a physical barrier;
 - j. if live performance is provided, or there is a presenter or a presider, there is a physical barrier between the performer, presenter or presider and the patrons which blocks the transmission of droplets from the performer, presenter or presider, or there is at least a three metre separation between the performer, presenter or presider and the patrons;
 - k. patrons must not engage in Karaoke or dance on the premises;
 - l. jam and open mic sessions must not be held on the premises;
 - m. if there is a self-serve food or drink station,

- i. hand washing facilities or alcohol-based sanitizers are within easy reach of the station;
 - ii. signs reminding patrons to wash or sanitize their hands before touching self-serve food, drink or other items, and to maintain a two metre distance from other patrons, are posted at the self-serve station; and
 - iii. high touch surfaces at the station, and utensils that are used for self-serve, are frequently cleaned and sanitized.
 - n. hand sanitation supplies are readily available to patrons;
 - o. washroom facilities with running water, soap and paper towels for hand washing and drying purposes, or hand sanitation supplies, are available.
3. Subject to a maximum number of fifty patrons, the owner of a place in which events are hosted must calculate the maximum number of patrons who can be accommodated safely during an event, taking into consideration the requirements of this order and must document this number in the safety plan with respect to events.
 4. The organizer must monitor the number of patrons present during an event and ensure that the number of patrons present does not exceed the maximum number documented in the safety plan with respect to events.
 5. If an event is in a part of place which is completely separated from the rest of the place, and which has its own entrance and washrooms, there may be additional patrons present in other parts of the place who are not attending the event, if the total number of patrons present in the place does not exceed the maximum number of patrons permitted on the premises under the safety plan. Patrons attending an event in part of a place must not have contact with patrons in another part of the place who are not attending the event.
 6. If there are one or more separate premises in a place, there may be an event in each of the premises as long as
 - a. patrons attending an event do not have contact with patrons attending an event in other premises in the place, or with individuals who are in the place but not in the premises in which the event is being held;
 - b. there is a separate entrance to each of the premises in which an event is being held; and
 - c. there are separate washrooms for each of the premises.
 7. During an event, patrons who leave the place in which an event is being held must not be replaced by other patrons.
 8. Following an event, and during an appropriate interval of time before any subsequent event commences, a place must be cleaned, sanitized and ventilated while there are no

patrons present. There must be a sufficient period of time between events to permit a place to be cleaned, sanitized and ventilated without any patrons being present and to ensure that patrons leaving one event do not have contact with patrons arriving for a subsequent event. Patrons must disperse immediately after an event and must not congregate with patrons who are leaving the event or arriving for a subsequent event.

9. Liquor service must stop at 10:00 pm;
10. At an event at which liquor is served the event must conclude and patrons vacate the premises by 11:00 pm.
11. There must be no liquor consumed on the premises by any person, including patrons, owners, operators, organizers or staff after 11:00 pm.
12. At an event at which liquor is served
 - a. the obligations under sections 61 (2) of the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act* must be complied with,
 - b. the directives and guidance provided by the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch to ensure that patrons do not over order, overconsume or binge drink must be followed (see [Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch website](#)), and
 - c. the authority under section 61 (3) of the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act* must be exercised when appropriate
13. The organizer must ensure that the conditions, requirements and obligations in sections 1, 2 and 4 to 12 are met.
14. The organizer must
 - a. collect the first and last names and telephone number, or email address, of every patron who attends an event or of every driver of a vehicle present at a drive-in event; and
 - b. retain this information for thirty days, in case there is a need for contact tracing on the part of the medical health officer, in which case the information must be provided to the medical health officer.
15. If the event is a drive in, the organizer may permit more than fifty patrons to be present, if the following conditions, as well as the requirements in section 14, are met:
 - a. patrons only attend in a vehicle;
 - b. no more than fifty vehicles are present at the drive in;

- c. patrons are informed that they must stay in their vehicles except to use washroom facilities, and when outside their vehicles they must maintain a distance of two metres from other patrons, and this is monitored;
 - d. no food or drink is sold.
16. If the organizer is not the owner or operator, the owner or operator must satisfy themselves that the organizer is aware of the requirements in sections 1, 2 and 4 to 13 or, if applicable, section 15, and has the capacity to fulfill them.
17. Patrons must comply with
- a. the limitation on the number of patrons permitted to gather in section 1,
 - b. the distancing and other requirements in sections 2 (e) and (i), 11 and 15 (a) and (c), and
 - c. measures, and guidance and directions from owners, operators, organizers or staff, designed to avoid the gathering of more than the permitted number of patrons or the congregation of patrons.

D. PLACES SUBJECT TO THE *FOOD AND LIQUOR SERVING PREMISES* ORDER

1. The gathering of more than fifty patrons at a place [*see definition above*] which is subject to the *Food and Liquor Serving Premises* order for the purpose of an event is prohibited.
2. Subject to a maximum number of fifty patrons, the owner of food and liquor serving premises in which events are hosted must calculate the maximum number of patrons who can be accommodated safely during an event, taking into consideration the requirements of this order and must document this number in the safety plan with respect to events.
3. The organizer must monitor the number of patrons present during an event and ensure that the number of patrons present does not exceed the maximum number documented in the safety plan with respect to events.
4. If the event is a private event, Part C applies.
5. If the event is open to the public the following conditions apply:
 - a. sections 2 (a), (b), (j) and (m); and 7 to 12 of Part C apply;
 - b. patrons must be able to maintain a distance of two metres from other patrons, unless they are separated by physical barriers;

- c. if patrons remain on the premises, other than tasting rooms with a liquor manufacturer licence, after being served or serving themselves, there must be sufficient seating for them, whether at tables, booths or counters, and patrons must be seated;
- d. in licensed premises, other than cafeterias, private clubs or tasting rooms with a liquor manufacturer licence, patrons must be assigned to a table, booth or counter and shown to their seats and patrons must stay in the seat assigned to them and must not move from table to table;
- e. liquor may only be served to patrons who are seated, other than in cafeterias, private clubs or tasting rooms with a liquor manufacturer licence;
- f. patrons must remain seated in all premises, other than cafeterias, private clubs or tasting rooms with a liquor manufacturer's licence, except to use a self-serve food or non-alcoholic drink station, use washroom facilities or leave the premises;
- g. there must be a sufficient number of staff at premises, other than cafeterias, private clubs or tasting rooms with a liquor manufacturer's licence, to ensure that patrons remain seated;
- h. there must be a sufficient number of staff at premises, other than cafeterias, private clubs or tasting rooms with a liquor manufacturer's licence, to ensure that patrons do not congregate in areas of the premises;
- i. patrons who are not in the same party must be seated two metres apart from one another, unless they are separated by a physical barrier;
- j. there must be no more than six patrons seated at a table or booth, even if they belong to the same party;
- k. there must be a distance of two metres between the backs of the seats of patrons seated at adjacent tables or booths, even if members of the same party are seated at adjacent tables or booths, unless the adjacent tables or booths are separated by physical barriers;
- l. there must be two metres between patrons seated at a counter, unless the patrons are in the same party or they are separated by physical barriers;
- m. if a party of patrons is seated at a counter, there must be no more than six members of the party seated less than two metres apart from one another, unless they are separated by a physical barrier from other members of the party who are seated adjacent to them at the counter;

- n. measures must be put in place to prevent the congregation of patrons outside the premises, such as by taking reservations and requesting patrons to remain in their cars or elsewhere until notified by telephone or an App that there is seating available for them on the premises;
 - o. the premises must be assessed for places where patrons may congregate, and measures put in place to avoid congregation;
 - p. physical devices, markers or other methods to guide and assist patrons in maintaining a distance of two metres from other patrons if they are not seated must be used.
 - q. the premises must be monitored, and patrons reminded to maintain a distance of two metres from one another.
 - r. if there are physical barriers between tables or booths or seats at a counter, the tops and bottoms of the physical barriers must be positioned so that the physical barriers block the transmission of droplets produced by breathing, talking, coughing or sneezing between patrons who are seated at adjacent tables, booths or seats at a counter;
 - s. dance floors must be closed with physical barriers or occupied with tables;
 - t. patrons must not sing, engage in Karaoke or dance on the premises;
 - u. jam and open mic sessions must not be held on the premises;
 - v. background music and any other background sounds, such as from televisions or other electronic sound producing devices, must be no louder than the volume of normal conversation;
 - w. if background music is provided by a live performer or performers or a disc jockey, a physical barrier must be installed between the performers or disc jockey and the patrons which blocks the transmission of droplets produced by performers or disc jockey, or there must be at least a three metre separation between performers and patrons;
6. The organizer must ensure that the conditions in section 5 are met.
7. If the organizer is not the owner or operator, the owner or operator must be satisfied that the organizer is aware of the requirements which apply to the event and has the capacity to fulfill them.
8. Patrons must comply with
- a. the limitation on the number of patrons permitted to gather in section 1,

- b. the distancing and other requirements in sections 5 (d), (f), (i), (j) (k), (l), (m), and (t) and sections 10 and 11 in Part C, and
- c. measures, and guidance and directions from owners, operators, organizers or staff, designed to avoid the gathering of more than the permitted number of patrons or the congregation of patrons.

E. RELATED MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICERS ORDERS

Recognizing that the risk differs in different regions of the province and that medical health officers are in the best position to assess local circumstances and to determine whether or not additional or more restrictive steps need to be taken to reduce the risk arising from people gathering together, **I FURTHER ORDER:**

1. A medical health officer may issue an order further to this Order for the purpose of having the provisions of the order incorporated into this Order. Such an order may add further prohibitions, or impose more restrictive limitations or conditions, with respect to gatherings and events in the geographic area of the province, or a part of the geographic area of the province, for which the medical health officer is designated and, subject to section 2, the provisions of the order are incorporated into this Order when posted on my website. For certainty, a contravention of a medical health officer order issued further to this order and posted on my website is a contravention of this Order.
2. While it is in force, a provision in an order made by a medical health officer further to this Order and posted on my website which adds further prohibitions or imposes more restrictive limitations or conditions than this Order applies in the geographic area of the province, or a part of the geographic area of the province, for which the medical health officer is designated, despite the provisions of this Order.

This Order does not have an expiration date.

You are required under section 42 of the *Public Health Act* to comply with this Order. Failure to comply with this Order is an offence under section 99 (1) (k) of the *Public Health Act*.

Under section 43 of the *Public Health Act*, you may request me to reconsider this Order if you:

1. Have additional relevant information that was not reasonably available to the me when this Order was issued,
2. Have a proposal that was not presented to me when this Order was issued but, if implemented, would
 - (a) meet the objective of the order, and

(b) be suitable as the basis of a written agreement under section 38 [may make written agreements]

3. Require more time to comply with the order.

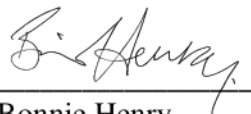
Under section 43 (6) an Order is not suspended during the period of reconsideration unless the health officer agrees, in writing, to suspend it.

If you fail to comply with this Order, I have the authority to take enforcement action against you under Part 4, Division 6 of the *Public Health Act*.

You may contact me at:

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DATED THIS: 30th day of October 2020

SIGNED: 
Bonnie Henry
MD, MPH, FRCPC
Provincial Health Officer

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Enclosure: Excerpts of the *Public Health Act* and the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*.

ENCLOSURE

Excerpts of the *Public Health Act* [SBC 2008] c. 28

Definitions

1 In this Act:

"health hazard" means

- (a) a condition, a thing or an activity that
 - (i) endangers, or is likely to endanger, public health, or
 - (ii) interferes, or is likely to interfere, with the suppression of infectious agents or hazardous agents, or
- (b) a prescribed condition, thing or activity, including a prescribed condition, thing or activity that
 - (i) is associated with injury or illness, or
 - (ii) fails to meet a prescribed standard in relation to health, injury or illness;

When orders respecting health hazards and contraventions may be made

30 (1) A health officer may issue an order under this Division only if the health officer reasonably believes that

- (a) a health hazard exists,
- (b) a condition, a thing or an activity presents a significant risk of causing a health hazard,
- (c) a person has contravened a provision of the Act or a regulation made under it, or
- (d) a person has contravened a term or condition of a licence or permit held by the person under this Act.

(2) For greater certainty, subsection (1) (a) to (c) applies even if the person subject to the order is complying with all terms and conditions of a licence, a permit, an approval or another authorization issued under this or any other enactment.

General powers respecting health hazards and contraventions

31 (1) If the circumstances described in section 30 [*when orders respecting health hazards and contraventions may be made*] apply, a health officer may order a person to do anything that the health officer reasonably believes is necessary for any of the following purposes:

- (a) to determine whether a health hazard exists;
- (b) to prevent or stop a health hazard, or mitigate the harm or prevent further harm from a health hazard;
- (c) to bring the person into compliance with the Act or a regulation made under it;
- (d) to bring the person into compliance with a term or condition of a licence or permit held by that person under this Act.

(2) A health officer may issue an order under subsection (1) to any of the following persons:

- (a) a person whose action or omission
 - (i) is causing or has caused a health hazard, or
 - (ii) is not in compliance with the Act or a regulation made under it, or a term or condition of the person's licence or permit;
- (b) a person who has custody or control of a thing, or control of a condition, that
 - (i) is a health hazard or is causing or has caused a health hazard, or
 - (ii) is not in compliance with the Act or a regulation made under it, or a term or condition of the person's licence or permit;
- (c) the owner or occupier of a place where
 - (i) a health hazard is located, or
 - (ii) an activity is occurring that is not in compliance with the Act or a regulation made under it, or a term or condition of the licence or permit of the person doing the activity.

Specific powers respecting health hazards and contraventions

32 (1) An order may be made under this section only

- (a) if the circumstances described in section 30 [*when orders respecting health hazards and contraventions may be made*] apply, and
- (b) for the purposes set out in section 31 (1) [*general powers respecting health hazards and contraventions*].

(2) Without limiting section 31, a health officer may order a person to do one or more of the following:

- (a) have a thing examined, disinfected, decontaminated, altered or destroyed, including
 - (i) by a specified person, or under the supervision or instructions of a specified person,
 - (ii) moving the thing to a specified place, and
 - (iii) taking samples of the thing, or permitting samples of the thing to be taken;
- (b) in respect of a place,
 - (i) leave the place,
 - (ii) not enter the place,
 - (iii) do specific work, including removing or altering things found in the place, and altering or locking the place to restrict or prevent entry to the place,
 - (iv) neither deal with a thing in or on the place nor dispose of a thing from the place, or deal with or dispose of the thing only in accordance with a specified procedure, and
 - (v) if the person has control of the place, assist in evacuating the place or examining persons found in the place, or taking preventive measures in respect of the place or persons found in the place;
- (c) stop operating, or not operate, a thing;
- (d) keep a thing in a specified place or in accordance with a specified procedure;
- (e) prevent persons from accessing a thing;
- (f) not dispose of, alter or destroy a thing, or dispose of, alter or destroy a thing only in accordance with a specified procedure;
- (g) provide to the health officer or a specified person information, records, samples or other matters relevant to a thing's possible infection with an infectious agent or contamination with a hazardous agent, including information respecting persons who may have been exposed to an infectious agent or hazardous agent by the thing;
- (h) wear a type of clothing or personal protective equipment, or change, remove or alter clothing or personal protective equipment, to protect the health and safety of persons;

(i) use a type of equipment or implement a process, or remove equipment or alter equipment or processes, to protect the health and safety of persons;

(j) provide evidence of complying with the order, including

(i) getting a certificate of compliance from a medical practitioner, nurse practitioner or specified person, and

(ii) providing to a health officer any relevant record;

(k) take a prescribed action.

(3) If a health officer orders a thing to be destroyed, the health officer must give the person having custody or control of the thing reasonable time to request reconsideration and review of the order under sections 43 and 44 unless

(a) the person consents in writing to the destruction of the thing, or

(b) Part 5 [*Emergency Powers*] applies.

May make written agreements

38 (1) If the health officer reasonably believes that it would be sufficient for the protection of public health and, if applicable, would bring a person into compliance with this Act or the regulations made under it, or a term or condition of a licence or permit held by the person under this Act, a health officer may do one or both of the following:

(a) instead of making an order under Division 1, 3 or 4, enter into a written agreement with a person, under which the person agrees to do one or more things;

(b) order a person to do one or more things that a person has agreed under paragraph (a) to do, regardless of whether those things could otherwise have been the subject of an order under Division 1, 3 or 4.

(2) If, under the terms of an agreement under subsection (1), a health officer conducts one or more inspections, the health officer may use information resulting from the inspection as the basis of an order under this Act, but must not use the information as the basis on which to

(a) levy an administrative penalty under this Act, or

(b) charge a person with an offence under this Act.

Contents of orders

39 (3) An order may be made in respect of a class of persons.

Duty to comply with orders

42 (1) A person named or described in an order made under this Part must comply with the order.

(2) Subsection (1) applies regardless of whether the person leaves the geographic area for which the health officer who made the order is designated.

Reconsideration of orders

43 (1) A person affected by an order, or the variance of an order, may request the health officer who issued the order or made the variance to reconsider the order or variance if the person

(a) has additional relevant information that was not reasonably available to the health officer when the order was issued or varied,

(b) has a proposal that was not presented to the health officer when the order was issued or varied but, if implemented, would

(i) meet the objective of the order, and

(ii) be suitable as the basis of a written agreement under section 38 [*may make written agreements*], or

(c) requires more time to comply with the order.

(2) A request for reconsideration must be made in the form required by the health officer.

(3) After considering a request for reconsideration, a health officer may do one or more of the following:

(a) reject the request on the basis that the information submitted in support of the request

(i) is not relevant, or

(ii) was reasonably available at the time the order was issued;

(b) delay the date the order is to take effect or suspend the order, if satisfied that doing so would not be detrimental to public health;

(c) confirm, rescind or vary the order.

(4) A health officer must provide written reasons for a decision to reject the request under subsection (3) (a) or to confirm or vary the order under subsection (3) (c).

(5) Following a decision made under subsection (3) (a) or (c), no further request for reconsideration may be made.

(6) An order is not suspended during the period of reconsideration unless the health officer agrees, in writing, to suspend it.

(7) For the purposes of this section,

(a) if an order is made that affects a class of persons, a request for reconsideration may be made by one person on behalf of the class, and

(b) if multiple orders are made that affect a class of persons, or address related matters or issues, a health officer may reconsider the orders separately or together.

(8) If a health officer is unable or unavailable to reconsider an order he or she made, a similarly designated health officer may act under this section in respect of the order as if the similarly designated health officer were reconsidering an order that he or she made.

Review of orders

44 (1) A person affected by an order may request a review of the order under this section only after a reconsideration has been made under section 43 [*reconsideration of orders*].

(2) A request for a review may be made,

(a) in the case of an order made by a medical health officer, to the provincial health officer, or

(b) in the case of an order made by an environmental health officer, to a medical health officer having authority in the geographic area for which the environmental health officer is designated.

(3) If a review is requested, the review is to be based on the record.

(4) If a review is requested, the reviewer may do one or more of the following:

(a) delay the date the order is to take effect or suspend the order, if satisfied that doing so would not be detrimental to public health;

(b) confirm, vary or rescind the order;

(c) refer the matter back to the person who made the order, with or without directions.

(5) A reviewer must provide written reasons for an action taken under subsection (4) (b) or (c), and a person may not request further review of an order.

Offences

99 (1) A person who contravenes any of the following provisions commits an offence:

...

(k) section 42 [*failure to comply with an order of a health officer*], except in respect of an order made under section 29 (2) (e) to (g) [*orders respecting examinations, diagnostic examinations or preventive measures*];

Excerpts of the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act* [SBC 2015] Chapter 19

Conduct at event site or in establishment, service area or liquor store

61 (2) A licensee or permittee or an employee of either must not

(a) sell or serve liquor to an intoxicated person or a person showing signs of intoxication, or

(b) allow

(i) a person in a service area to become intoxicated,

(ii) an intoxicated person to enter or remain in a service area,

(3) A licensee or permittee or an employee of either may,

(a) if he or she believes a person is intoxicated,

(i) request that the person leave a service area, or

(ii) forbid the person from entering a service area,