



## ORDER OF THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICER

(Pursuant to Section 55 *Public Health Act*, S.B.C. 2008)

### ***COVERAGE OF ELECTORAL AREA J OF THE CARIBOO REGIONAL DISTRICT***

***June 10, 2021***

The *Public Health Act* is at:

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

(excerpts enclosed)

#### **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 ( hereinafter referred to as the “emergency”) as defined in section 51 of the *Public Health Act*;
- B. Electoral area J of the Cariboo Regional District, shown in purple on the map at the following link, <https://www.cariboord.ca/en/home-and-property/maps.aspx?mid=38622>)(hereinafter referred to as “Area J” ) is located within the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority region, but the residents of Area J receive health services from the Interior Health Authority;
- C. It is in the interests of the residents of Area J that for the duration of the emergency they receive public health services from the health officers who are designated for the geographic area of the Interior Health Authority, and that the health officers of the Interior Health Authority be authorized to exercise powers and perform duties in the geographic area of the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, for this purpose;

**ACCORDINGLY**, pursuant to the authority vested in me by section 55 (1) (a) of the *Public Health Act*, **I Order:**

Definitions:

In this Order

1. **"Interior Health Authority region"** means the areas of the Interior Health Authority set out in Schedule B of the Regional Health Boards Regulation made under the *Health Authorities Act*;
2. **"Vancouver Coastal Health Authority region"** means the areas of the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority set out in Schedule B of the Regional Health Boards Regulation made under the *Health Authorities Act*;
3. The health officers who are employed by the Interior Health Authority are authorized to exercise powers or perform duties in the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority region for the purpose of providing public health services to the residents of Area J;
4. For certainty, this Order does not derogate from the authority of the health officers to provide public health services in the Interior Health Authority region.

Pursuant to section 54 (1) (h) of the *Public Health Act*, and in accordance with the emergency powers set out in Part 5 of the *Public Health Act*, I will not be accepting requests for reconsideration of this Order.

This Order will remain in effect until I repeal it or give notice to the health officers that the emergency has passed.

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DATED THIS: 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021

SIGNED:



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 Bonnie Henry  
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 Provincial Health Officer

DELIVERY BY email and posting on the BC Government and on the BC Centre for Disease Control websites.

Enclosure: Excerpts of the *Public Health*

**ENCLOSURE****Excerpts of the *Public Health Act* [SBC 2008] c. 28****General emergency powers**

**54** (1) A health officer may, in an emergency, do one or more of the following:

(h) not reconsider an order under section 43 [*reconsideration of orders*], not review an order under section 44 [*review of orders*] or not reassess an order under section 45 [*mandatory reassessment of orders*];

**Acting outside designated terms during emergencies**

**55** (1) The provincial health officer may, in an emergency, make an order authorizing

(a) a health officer to exercise a power or perform a duty in a geographic area for which the health officer has not been designated, and

(b) an environmental health officer to exercise a power or perform a duty of environmental health officers that is not permitted by his or her designation.

(2) A health officer must act in accordance with an order of the provincial health officer until the provincial health officer notifies the health officer that the emergency that gave rise to the order has passed.