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NOTICE OF THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICER

PASSING OF THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND RESCINDING OF PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS – July 26, 2024

(Pursuant to Sections 46, 59(b) and 60(1) (c) of the *Public Health Act*, S.B.C. 2008)

The *Public Health Act* is at:

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

(excerpts enclosed)

TO: All Persons Affected

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 17, 2020, I provided a Notice that the transmission of the infectious agent SARS-CoV-2, which has caused cases and outbreaks of a serious illness known as COVID-19 among the population of the Province of British Columbia, constitutes a regional event as defined under section 51 of the *Public Health Act*;
- B. The criteria described in section 52 (2) *Public Health Act* which supported the issuing of that Notice no longer exist;
- C. There remain in force a number of Provincial Health Officer Orders which were issued under the authority of that Notice;

TAKE NOTICE that effective July 26, 2024,

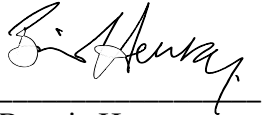
1. the regional event has passed, and
2. all remaining Provincial Health Officer Orders are rescinded.

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DATED THIS: 26 day of July 2024

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

Enclosure: Excerpts of *Public Health Act*

ENCLOSURE

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

Termination of orders

46 An order ceases to have effect on the date or in the circumstances stated in the order, or, if no date or circumstances are stated, as follows:

- (a) if an order is served by posting it in or on a place, on the date the order is removed by a health officer;
- (b) if an order is served by publishing it, on the date a health officer publishes notice that the order has been terminated;
- (c) in the case of an order to take preventive measures, on the date the person subject to the order receives notice from the person who is responsible for administering or supervising the preventive measures that the preventive measures are no longer required;
- (d) in any other case, on the date a health officer provides notice by any means to the person served with the order that the order has been terminated.

When authority to act under this Part ends

59 Unless otherwise expressed, the authority to act under this Part ends,

- (b) in the case of a regional event, when the provincial health officer provides notice that the emergency has passed.

Duties when authority to act ends

60 (1) If a person exercises a power under this Part, the person must, as soon as reasonably practical after the person's authority ends under section 59 [*when authority to act under this Part ends*], take any reasonable action to do the following:

- (c) rescind an order that was made under this Part and give notice of the rescission to persons affected by the order, or, if necessary to protect public health,
 - (i) reissue the order in accordance with sections 39 [*contents of orders*] and 41 [*service of orders*], and
 - (ii) provide to persons affected by the order the rights to reconsideration, review or reassessment available under Parts 3 and 4;