



MINISTER
OF HEALTH, SENIORS AND ACTIVE LIVING

Room 302
Legislative Building
Winnipeg, Manitoba CANADA
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March 20, 2020

Dr. Brent Roussin
Chief Provincial Public Health Officer

Dear Dr. Roussin:

RE: Orders under section 67 of *The Public Health Act*

Pursuant to subsection 67(3) of *The Public Health Act*, this correspondence confirms that I, Cameron Friesen, Minister responsible for the administration of *The Public Health Act*, approve special measures being taken by the Chief Provincial Public Health Officer under clauses 67(2)(c) and (d) of *The Public Health Act* in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cameron Friesen
Minister responsible for the administration of *The Public Health Act*

ORDER

THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT (Section 67)

WHEREAS:

1. The pandemic caused by the communicable disease known as COVID-19 is creating public health challenges in Manitoba that will continue to evolve and that require urgent actions to protect the health and safety of people across Manitoba.
2. I, Dr. Brent Roussin, Chief Provincial Public Health Officer, believe that as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic
 - (a) a serious and immediate threat to public health exists because of an epidemic or threatened epidemic of a communicable disease; and
 - (b) the threat to public health cannot be prevented, reduced or eliminated without taking special measures.
3. The Minister responsible for the administration of *The Public Health Act* (the "Act") has approved special measures being taken under clauses 67(2)(c) and (d) of the Act.

THEREFORE, I am taking the following special measures, as authorized under the Act:

ORDER 1

Pursuant to clause 67(2)(d) of the Act, all persons are prohibited from assembling in a public gathering of more than 50 persons at any indoor or outdoor place or premises. This includes places of worship, social gatherings and family events such as weddings and funerals.

EXCEPTION

This Order does not apply to the following:

- (a) a facility where health care or social services are provided;
- (b) a retail business (including a grocery or food store, shopping centre, pharmacy or gas station), provided that the person in control of the retail business implements measures to ensure that persons attending the business are reasonably able to maintain a separation of at least one metre from other persons attending the business;
- (c) a public transportation facility, provided that the person in control of the facility implements measures to ensure that persons attending the facility are reasonably able to maintain a separation of at least one metre from other persons attending the facility.

ORDER 2

Pursuant to clause 67(2)(d) of the Act, all persons are prohibited from assembling in a public gathering at any restaurant or other commercial facility where food is served, licensed premises under *The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Act* or any theatres offering live performances of music, dance and other art forms as well as movie theatres (the "hospitality premises").

EXCEPTION

This Order does not apply to hospitality premises if the operator of the hospitality premises limits occupancy to 50 persons or 50% of the capacity of the premises, whichever is the lesser, provided that the operator does not serve food buffet style and implements measures to ensure that persons attending the premises are reasonably able to maintain a separation of at least one metre from other persons attending the premises.

ORDER 3

Pursuant to clause 67(2)(d) of the Act, all persons are prohibited from assembling at bingo gaming events licensed by the Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Authority of Manitoba or by a local gaming authority as defined by *The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Act*.

ORDER 4

Pursuant to clause 67(2)(c) of the Act, all gyms, fitness centres, athletic clubs, training facilities, public pools, and wellness centres offering physical activities must be closed.

These Orders remain in effect until terminated.



Dr. Brent Roussin
Chief Provincial Public Health Officer

DATED: MAR 20 2020