

CANADA
NUNAVUT

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, S. Nu. 2016, c. 13

ORDER RESTRICTING MASS GATHERINGS

WHEREAS:

- A. The Minister of Health has declared a Public Health Emergency in Nunavut effective March 20, 2020 to address the novel coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic;
- B. Pursuant to section 41(1) of the *Public Health Act* (“the Act”) the Chief Public Health Officer may take certain actions, including issuing directions or orders for the purposes of protecting the public health and preventing, remedying or mitigating the effects of the public health emergency:

THEREFORE, the Chief Public Health Officer hereby orders the following:

1. Pursuant to subsection 41(1)(g) of the Act:
 - a. All public gatherings are prohibited.
 - b. All public playgrounds, municipal parks, and day-use areas of territorial parks and territorial park reserves are closed.
 - c. All in-person religious, cultural, and spiritual gatherings are prohibited.
2. For greater certainty, this order does not apply to retail business establishments deemed to be providing critical services, such as:
 - a. Grocery stores;
 - b. Pharmacies;
 - c. Canada Post Corporation post offices;
 - d. Fuel and motor vehicle service stations; and
 - e. Facilities operated by the Nunavut Liquor and Cannabis Commission.
3. Pursuant to subsection 41(1)(f) of the Act, members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, municipal by-law enforcement officers, sheriffs appointed pursuant to the *Judicature Act*, the Chief Environmental Protection Officer and

Inspectors appointed pursuant to the *Environmental Protection Act*, and Conservation Officers appointed pursuant to the *Wildlife Act* are authorized to implement this order, including entering any premises other than a dwelling without a warrant.

4. Pursuant to subsection 41(4) of the Act, the peace officers listed in paragraph 3 may enter a dwelling without a warrant if:
 - a. the occupant or person in charge of the dwelling consents; or
 - b. the dwelling, or something in or only accessible through the dwelling, is a serious and immediate risk to public health.

This order is effective on (INSERT DATE AND TIME) and remains in effect for the duration of the Public Health Emergency, unless otherwise rescinded.



Dr. Michael Patterson

Chief Public Health Officer