



CHESTERMERE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

ORDER OF THE CHESTERMERE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY “THE AGENCY”

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Please read this Order carefully.

Summary: The virus that causes Coronavirus 2019 Disease (“COVID-19”) is easily transmitted from person to person contact, and contact with contaminated surfaces. It is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to protect the ability of health care providers to handle the influx of new patients and safeguard public health and safety. Because of the risk of the rapid spread of the virus, and the need to protect all members of the community and the Chestermere area, especially our members most vulnerable to the virus and health care providers and emergency responders, and to enforce appropriate social distancing of at least 2 metres from any other person, and compliance with recommended hand and surface sanitizing and disinfecting practices, the City of Chestermere declared a State of Local Emergency on March 17, 2020 which will continue to be renewed as required.

The World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 a global pandemic on March 11, 2020. A State of Public Health Emergency was declared by Alberta’s Premier on March 19, 2020. Alberta’s Emergency Management Agency’s Provincial Operations Centre was elevated to the highest level (4) on March 17, 2020 to support the lead of the Alberta Health Services to manage and respond to the COVID-19 health crisis.

To support the Province of Alberta’s Relaunch Strategy by taking steps that will allow certain activities that were prohibited or restricted to begin, Chestermere Emergency Management Agency issues this Order to allow for these steps.

All Orders issued by the Chestermere Emergency Management Agency legally require compliance.

This Order begins at 12:01 a.m. on JUNE 1, 2020 and ends at 11:59 p.m. on JUNE 30, 2020, unless extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended by further Order.

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE *EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT*, RSA 2000, c E-6.8, *LOCAL AUTHORITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REGULATION*, ALTA REG. 203/2018, *MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT*, RSA 2000, c M-24 AND THE CHESTERMERE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BYLAW NO. 05-11, AS AMENDED, THE CHESTERMERE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ORDERS:

1. Any reference to sanitizing and disinfecting must be done in accordance with Health Canada approved and published protocols referenced at www.Canada.ca “Approved Hard Surface Disinfectants and Hand Sanitizers”.

2. Any reference to social distancing shall mean the physical distancing of no less than 2 meters between persons. “Social distancing” and “physical distancing” shall have the same meaning.
3. All businesses have the right to refuse services to or entry onto the business premises of any person who they reasonably believe may have:
 - a. symptoms in relation to COVID-19;
 - b. been in contact with person(s) infected by COVID-19; or
 - c. less than 14 days prior, returned from travelling outside the country.
4. All businesses and services permitted to operate by the Province of Alberta as either an Essential Service or a business or service identified as permitted to open and operate in the Province’s Re-Launch program, **must** have proper risk mitigation measures in place, which include:
 - a. Practices and procedures in place to ensure physical distancing between customers who are not members of the same household;
 - b. Hand sanitizing options for all clients or customers entering their premise, and hand sanitizing and enhanced hygiene practices by all staff;
 - c. Implementing a strict and regular routine of sanitizing and disinfecting surfaces that people regularly touch;
 - d. All keypads, payment terminals, automated teller machines, automatic transaction machines must be sanitized and disinfected after each use, by either the employee of the business or the patron of the business. Businesses are strongly encouraged to promote “tap to pay” payment options;
 - e. Regularly and thoroughly sanitizing and disinfecting any washroom facility throughout the day;
 - f. In an enclosed business premise where physical distancing cannot be maintained in order to provide the service offered by the business, any and all persons not maintaining social distancing, including service providers and clients, must wear a face mask;
 - g. Must not provide or receive the service, service provider or client, if displaying any of the Provincially listed symptoms of COVID-19;
 - h. Protocol in place to notify the Agency of a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 of a staff member and the particulars of the staff member and any persons whom may have had exposure to the staff member within the last 14 days;
 - i. Must follow all approved guidelines set by their professional association or college.

Exceptions to wearing a face mask are for any medical patient where a face mask would interfere with the proper provision of any dental or health related treatment.


5. Taxi, Livery, and Ride Share Services (pick-up and drop off services) may operate provided that:
 - a. Interior of the vehicle must be fully and regularly disinfected and sanitized;
 - b. Only one passenger per vehicle unless passengers are from the same household;
 - c. Passenger(s) required to sit in the rear seat;
 - d. Rear seat must be sanitized and disinfected after each passenger pick up or drop off;
 - e. Any passenger(s) displaying signs of illness must be refused service;
 - f. No driver is permitted to drive if ill;
 - g. Exception is made for those Taxi or Livery Service providers transporting a customer(s) to a medical care facility as a patient. Any such transport must be immediately reported to the Agency, and Alberta Health Services 811; and
 - h. Any such transport may be refused by the driver.



6. Restaurants, cafes, pubs and bars must operate at no more than 50% seating capacity. Outdoor patio seating areas must also be limited to 50% capacity or less. Tables and chairs must be arranged so that no less than 2m physical distance is maintained between each dining party, or physical barriers installed where tables cannot be adequately separated by the minimum 2m physical distance. All persons not seated must maintain a 2m physical distance from another person, unless the other person is a member of the same household.
7. All construction sites are required to have hand washing and sanitizing stations available and all workers must practice safe physical distancing of no less than 2 meters between persons.
8. All builder/developer showhomes, real estate open houses, and private home showings by real estate agents are limited to a maximum of four people at any time in the home. These four people must practice physical distancing of not less than 2 meters between persons. Any such dwelling must have a hand washing, hand sanitizing station or other appropriate options available for visitors.
9. Use of face masks is strongly advised in any situation where gathering or congregating is occurring.
10. Any business that contravenes this Order may have its Business License suspended or revoked immediately upon notice from the City of Chestermere. In addition, any person that contravenes this Order is guilty of an offence and may be subject to a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or to both fine and imprisonment, as per legislation.
11. This Order replaces all previous orders regarding business requirements and are no longer in force or effect.
12. This Order shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on JUNE 1, 2020 and will continue to be in effect until 11:59 p.m. on JUNE 30, 2020, or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Agency.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

CHESTERMERE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Per: 
Bernie Morton
Chief Administrative Office, City of Chestermere
Director, Emergency Management and
Chair, Chestermere Emergency Management Agency

