

CLASS ORDER RE: COVID-19

NOTICE TO OWNERS, OCCUPIERS AND OPERATORS OF GYMS, FITNESS CENTRES,
PERSONAL TRAINING, YOGA & EXERCISE ROOMS (CLASS)

ORDER OF THE MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICER

Pursuant to Sections 30, 31, 32 & 39 (3) *Public Health Act, S.B.C. 2008*

The *Public Health Act* can be found at:

http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/08028_01

TO : AN INDIVIDUAL / SOCIETY / CORPORATION OR OTHER ORGANIZATION
WHICH IS THE OWNER/OCCUPIER/OPERATOR OF OR IS OTHERWISE RESPONSIBLE FOR A
GYM / FITNESS CENTER / PERSONAL TRAINING FACILITY /YOGA STUDIO / EXERCISE
ROOM OR OTHER SIMILAR INDOOR OR OUTSIDE PLACE

WHEREAS:

- A. A communicable disease known as COVID-19 has emerged in British Columbia;
- B. SARS-CoV-2, an infectious agent, can cause outbreaks of serious illness known as COVID-19 among the public;
- C. A person infected with SARS-CoV-2 can infect other people with whom the infected person is in contact;
- D. On March 17, 2020, the Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry declared the COVID-19 pandemic to be an emergency pursuant to Part 5 of the Public Health Act, S.B.C. 2008, c. 28;
- E. The gathering of people in close contact with one another can promote the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and increase the number of people who develop COVID-19;
- F. You belong to one of the classes of persons to whom this notice is addressed;
- G. I have reason to believe and do believe that

(i) the risk of an outbreak of COVID-19 among the public constitutes a health hazard under the *Public Health Act*;

(ii) coordinated action is needed to protect the public from contracting COVID-19, it is in the public interest for me to exercise the powers in sections 30, 31, 32 and 39(3) of the *Public Health Act* **TO ORDER** as follows:

You are the owner, occupier or operator of an establishment like a gym, fitness centre, training studio, yoga studio, exercise room, or similar facility and, accordingly, you must close immediately.

This Order expires on May 30, 2020 and is subject to revision, cancellation or extension by me.

You are required under section 42 of the *Public Health Act* to comply with this Order. Failure to comply with this Order is an offence under section 99 (1) (k) of the *Public Health Act*.

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*, no MHO employed by Interior Health will be accepting requests for reconsideration, requests for review, or requests for reassessment of this Order.

If you fail to comply with this Order, I have the authority to take enforcement action against you under Part 4, Division 6 of the *Public Health Act*.

You may contact me at:

Sue Pollock MSc, MD, FRCPC
Interim Chief Medical Health Officer
Interior Health
505 Doyle Avenue
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DATED THIS: 2nd day of April, 2020

SIGNED:



Sue Pollock MSc, MD, FRCPC
Interim Chief Medical Health Officer
Interior Health

DELIVERY BY: Media release, the Interior Health website, and by email.