



## CLASS ORDER RE: COVID-19

### NOTICE TO OWNERS, OCCUPIERS AND OPERATORS OF CAMPGROUNDS AND RV PARKS (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](http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/08028_01)

**TO :** OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF CAMPGROUNDS, RV PARKS, OR OTHER SIMILAR PLACES

**TO :** PATRONS OF RV PARKS, OR OTHER SIMILAR PLACES

#### **WHEREAS:**

- A. On March 17, 2020, the Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, provided notice under section 52 (2) of the *Public Health Act* that the transmission of the infectious agent SARS-CoV-2, which has caused cases and outbreaks of a serious communicable disease known as COVID-19 among the population of the province of British Columbia, constitutes a regional event as defined in section 51 of the *Public Health Act*;
- B. The SARS-CoV-2 virus, an infectious agent, can cause outbreaks of COVID-19;
- C. A person infected with SARS-CoV-2 can infect other people with whom the infected person is in direct contact, through droplets in the air, or from fluid containing SARS-CoV-2 left on surfaces;
- D. 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 and become seriously ill;
- E. Campgrounds, RV Parks, and other similar places may attract individuals that fall within an at-risk population during the winter season, individuals may come from areas where COVID-19 transmission is more prevalent, and it is important to ensure appropriate contact tracing protocols are in place;
- F. For certainty, this Order does not apply to persons sheltering in public spaces, hotels, motels, hostels, or like facilities;
- G. You belong to one of the classes of persons to whom this notice is addressed;
- H. 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:

**Definitions in this Order:**

“**camp**” means to occupy a campsite, to set up a tent or other shelter or to remain overnight;

“**campground**” means one or more campsites or areas in which persons are accommodated to camp;

“**owner**” includes an occupier or operator or person otherwise responsible for a place;

“**patron**” means persons staying at a campground or RV park overnight;

“**recreational vehicle**” means a self-propelled vehicle or trailer, primarily designed as a temporary living quarters for recreational or travel use;

“**RV park**” means a campground that includes sites to accommodate recreational vehicles;

1. The owner must

- a. Collect the first and last names, telephone number, and email address (if available) of every patron who stays at the campground, RV park, or similar place;
- b. Permanent address where patron normally resides;
- c. Collect the first and last names and telephone number of an emergency contact or next of kin of every patron; and
- d. Retain and secure this information for thirty days following the occupancy of the patron at the campground or RV park, in case there is a need for contact tracing for COVID-19 virus on the part of the medical health officer, in which case the information must be provided to the medical health officer. Securely destroy the information collected for the purposes of this Order, after the thirty-day period expires.

2. Patrons must

- a. Provide complete and accurate contact information described in section 1.

This Order does not have an expiration date.

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 the Vancouver Island Health Authority (Island 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:

Dr. Richard Stanwick, Chief Medical Health Officer  
Suite 430 – 1900 Richmond Road  
Victoria, British Columbia V8R 4R2

DATED THIS: 13<sup>th</sup> of November, 2020

SIGNED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard S. Stanwick', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

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Vice President, Population Health &  
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