

BULLETIN

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March 30, 2020

To: Authorized Employers of Community Peace Officers Level 1
Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Branch
Parks Enforcement Branch
Sheriffs Branch

Re: Enforcement of the Public Health Act during the COVID-19 Pandemic

This Bulletin is to provide an update with regards to the enforcement of the *Public Health Act* (PHA) related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Order in Council that will allow specified penalties to be issued under the PHA has been signed and all **uniformed** Alberta Peace Officers Level 1 and 2 (belonging to the three Branches identified) as well as Community Peace Officers Level 1 **can now begin enforcing the PHA in your identified jurisdiction.**

All calls for service and incidents found committing within your jurisdiction can be attended to in order to seek voluntary compliance of all the Chief Medical Officer's Orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic and if necessary issue a violation ticket.

Authorized employers must (if they haven't already) require their peace officers to complete the following before and during conducting enforcement activities:

- Review the PHA in its entirety;
- Review the Chief Medical Officer's Orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic in their entirety (Orders can be found at):

https://open.alberta.ca/dataset?q=&sort=metadata_created+desc&pubtype=Orders+and+Directives&tags=COVID-19;

- Review the Peace Officer Program's PHA Guide (provided to the authorized employer under a separate email);
- Continue to monitor the Public Health Orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic daily to ensure you are familiar with the new Orders that may be implemented by the Chief Medical Officer;

- If your peace officers have questions specific to the PHA, please contact the Public Health Inspectors in your area (contact list was provided to the authorized employer under a separate email); and
- Continue to monitor the Peace Officer Program website for updates through Bulletins (<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/bulletin-peace-officer-program>).

Please note that Victim Surcharges increases from 15% to 20% on April 1, 2020. PHA violation tickets before April 1, 2020 - \$1150.00. On April 1, 2020 - \$1200.00.

Dispatching of calls between Alberta Health Services, police services and authorized employers is still being finalized and will be forwarded as soon as it has been completed through the Peace Officer Program Bulletin system. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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