

# BULLETIN

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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* and Multiple Occupants of a Vehicle**

The Public Security Division has received a number of inquiries from law enforcement around the issue of whether carpooling constitutes a violation of the Social Distancing Order, specifically from some businesses who are designated as essential workplaces who still have employees attending for work.

It is our understanding that there may have already been instances where violation tickets have been issued in relation to carpooling situations.

To that end, the Peace Officer Program (Program) has asked Alberta Health and the Office of the Chief Medical Officer, as the subject matter experts and authority on the *Public Health Act* and these Public Health Orders, for some guidance on this topic so that the Program can share this with law enforcement.

The response we received back is that Alberta's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Hinshaw, references carpooling in her speaking notes on March 30, 2020 as a time when social distancing would not be possible.

Dr. Hinshaw indicated that **"If you are not under mandatory self-isolation, you will not be fined for travelling in your vehicle with your family or carpooling with coworkers. However, if you are feeling unwell, you must stay home."**

The Program provides this to you for your reference and guidance to your peace officers so that you are aware of the Chief Medical Officer's understanding of how her Order should be enforced as it pertains to vehicles with multiple occupants. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Director  
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