

MAY 15, 2020

Re: Exemption - Operation of Farmers' Markets in a Business, Entity or School Listed or Described in Appendix A of Record of Decision - CMOH Order 18-2020 and 19-2020

Pursuant to the recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) for Alberta, a public health emergency was declared in the Province of Alberta on March 17, 2020 pursuant to s. 52.1 of the *Public Health Act* (the Act) of Alberta.

Further to that declaration of a public health emergency, the CMOH made Record of Decision - CMOH Orders 18-2020 and 19-2020, which permit Albertans to attend certain locations or places and engage in certain activities where the risk of COVID-19 transmission can be mitigated if persons adhere to public health measures and guidelines.

Pursuant to Section 12 of CMOH Order 18-2020 and section 21 of CMOH Order 19-2020, the CMOH may, notwithstanding anything else in the order, exempt in writing a person or class of person from the application of the order.

Pursuant to Section 12 of CMOH Order 18-2020 and section 21 of CMOH Order 19-2020, I am satisfied that the following classes of persons should be exempted from sections 3, 4 and 7 of CMOH Order 18-2020 and sections 7, 11, 12 and 15 of CMOH Order 19-2020:

- An operator of a farmers' market, stallholder, staff or volunteer may attend a business, entity or school listed or described in Appendix A of the orders for the purpose of operating a farmers' market or stall;
- Any person may attend a farmers' market located at a business, entity or school listed or described in Appendix A;
- An operator of a business, entity or school listed or described in Appendix A of the orders may open to accommodate use by farmers' markets.

The exemptions provided by this letter may be terminated or modified by the CMOH in writing without notice and for any reason as determined by the CMOH.

This exemption comes into effect on May 15, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Deena', followed by a stylized, cursive flourish.

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