



Public Health Order – COVID-19 Prohibition of Gatherings and Closures of Certain Business (effective April 11, 2020)

WHEREAS the Minister, upon recommendation from the Chief Public Health Officer, declared a Public Health Emergency in the Northwest Territories effective March 18, 2020 and renewed commencing on April 1, 2020;

AND WHEREAS the Chief Public Health Officer may take certain actions including issuing directions or orders for the purpose of protecting the public health under the authority of the *Public Health Act*, S.N.W.T. 2007, c.17 (hereinafter the “Act”).

1. Pursuant to section 25 of the Act and for the purposes of protecting the public health and decreasing the risk to the public health presented by a reportable disease the Chief Public Health Officer hereby orders the following:
 - a. Gatherings in an indoor location, whether private or in public, are prohibited except in the following circumstances:
 - i. Persons who are members of the same household;
 - ii. Persons engaged in essential services work as defined in paragraph 1(d) of the March 21, 2020 order;
 - iii. Persons engaged in retail work and persons visiting retail businesses;
 - iv. Persons attending offices, workplaces, and non-retail businesses provided they comply with the Chief Public Health Officer’s guidelines (attached as Schedule A).
 - v. Daycare facilities and in-home child care including day homes and babysitters;
 - vi. Persons offering necessary in-home care to other persons;



therapists, aestheticians, naturopathic practitioners, acupuncturists, and chiropractic services; and

viii. Tourism Operators

c. Essential retail stores may remain open; which are:

- i. Grocery stores;
- ii. Gas bars and stations;
- iii. Banks;
- iv. Pharmacies;
- v. Liquor stores.

Essential retail stores shall follow any further directions or orders of the Chief Public Health Officer as may be provided from time to time.

d. All retail businesses not specifically mentioned in paragraphs 2(b) and (c) herein may remain open, provided they are able to comply with the guidelines established by the Chief Public Health Officer (attached as Schedule A).

3. All persons and businesses shall comply with this order unless otherwise exempted by the Chief Public Health Officer under exceptional circumstances.

This order is effective April 11, 2020 at 12:00pm and remains in effect for the duration of the Public Health Emergency, unless otherwise rescinded.

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Dr. Kami Kandola
Chief Public Health Officer

