

## PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER

(Under Subsection 45(2) of *The Public Health Act, 1994*)

## **Control of Transmission of 2019-Novel Coronavirus**

WHEREAS, I, Dr. Saqib Shahab, an official with the Ministry of Health and the Chief Medical Health Officer for the Province of Saskatchewan have been authorized by the Minister of Health to act under section 45 of *The Public Health Act*, 1994;

AND WHEREAS, public gatherings and visiting hospitals and long-term care facilities can pose a public health threat due to the probability for the transmission of 2019-Novel Coronavirus which has been designated as an emerging communicable disease pursuant to clause 2(1)(d.1) of *The Disease Control Regulations*;

AND WHEREAS, by virtue of the foregoing and under subsection 45(2) of *The Public Health Act, 1994* effective immediately 1 hereby ORDER and DIRECT that in the Province of Saskatchewan:

- 1. Classes in all primary and secondary educational institutions will be suspended indefinitely effective March 20, 2020.
- 2. Public gatherings of over 250 people in one room are prohibited except in the following circumstances:
  - i. Settings where people are distributed into multiple rooms or buildings, such as universities, and;
  - ii. Retail locations.
- 3. Public gatherings of over 50 people with attendees who have traveled internationally in the previous 14 days of the scheduled event are prohibited.
- 4. Visitors to long-term care homes, hospitals, personal care homes, and group homes shall be restricted to family visiting for compassionate reasons.

This order remains in effect until in the opinion of the Chief Medical Health Officer, there is no longer a public health threat.

DATED at Regina, Saskatchewan, on the 17th day of March, 2020.

Dr. Saqib Shahab FRCPC Government of Saskatchewan Chief Medical Health Officer