

IN THE MATTER OF the *Public Health Act*, RSPEI 1988, c P-30.1 (herein referred to as the “Act”), sections 39 and 49.

PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER

WHEREAS a state of public health emergency was declared in the province on March 16th, 2020 pursuant to Order in Council EC2020-174;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to subsection 39(2) of the *Public Health Act*, the Chief Public Health Officer believes on reasonable and probable grounds that as a result of COVID-19:

- (a) a communicable disease exists in the province;
- (b) the communicable disease presents a risk to the health of persons in the province; and
- (c) the requirements specified in the order are necessary to prevent, decrease or eliminate the risk to health presented by the communicable disease.

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the *Public Health Act*, the Chief Public Health Officer may require a person to take or refrain from taking any action that is specified in the order in respect of a communicable disease, as set out in subsection 39(1);

AND WHEREAS pursuant to subsection 49(3) of the *Public Health Act*, the Chief Public Health Officer reasonably believes that the population is not protected against COVID-19, and certain preventative measures are necessary to protect the population;

AND WHEREAS the Chief Public Health Officer believes that it is appropriate for certain asymptomatic workers and certain asymptomatic individuals to be exempted from the requirement to self-isolate for 14 days, or for the duration of their stay (if shorter than 14 days), when arriving in Prince Edward Island from another province or territory in Canada during the state of public health emergency while still maintaining measures to protect the health of the population;

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to my authority under subsections 39(1) and 49(3) of the *Act*, the following order is made:

1. Subject to subsection 2, as of March 21, 2020 at 2:00 p.m., all persons entering the province, including those arriving from other provinces and territories in Canada, are required to self-isolate for 14 days or for the duration of their stay in the province (if shorter than 14 days). For detailed information on self-isolation, please see: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-and-wellness/covid-19-self-isolation>.
2. The following persons are exempt from the requirement to self-isolate:
 - a. Asymptomatic workers engaged in providing services in the trade,

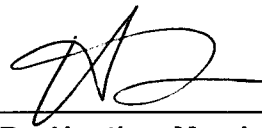
transportation, construction, agriculture, fisheries, aquaculture and livestock sectors including truck drivers and crew on any plane, helicopter or marine vessels arriving in Prince Edward Island from another province or territory in Canada.

- b. Asymptomatic workers essential to the critical maintenance of the province's infrastructure in the trade and transportation sectors.
 - c. Asymptomatic workers engaged in providing essential services to PEI, including but not limited to, health and social service providers, postal service workers, members of a police service and others employed for the preservation of the peace and emergency responders, except those workers who have travelled internationally since March 8, 2020 and have not yet completed 14 days of self-isolation upon return.
 - d. Persons travelling for emergency medical purposes, including patients and persons necessary to travel with patients, and persons accompanying animals for emergency services at the Atlantic Veterinary College.
 - e. Such other persons as may be otherwise exempted under exceptional circumstances by the Chief Public Health Officer.
3. Exempted individuals who enter the province are required to practice appropriate social distancing, closely self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19, and self-isolate should symptoms develop.

THIS ORDER is effective March 21, 2020 as of 2:00 p.m. and is in effect for a period of 14 days, unless it is sooner terminated or continued by the Chief Public Health Officer.

TAKE NOTICE THAT failure to comply with this Order is an offence for which you may be liable on summary conviction in accordance with section 66 of the *Public Health Act*.

DATED at Charlottetown in Queens County, Province of Prince Edward Island this
22 day of March, 2020.



Dr. Heather Morrison
Chief Public Health Officer