

## ***WORKPLACE COVID-19 CLUSTER***

### **ORDER OF THE MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICER**

(Pursuant to Sections 30, 31, 32, 39 and 74 of the Public Health Act, S.B.C. 2008)

The *Public Health Act* and Regulations are at:

<http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/content/complete/statreg/08028/?xsl=/templates/browse.xsl>

**TO: Shawn Grattan (Manager) and Crystal Janzen (Manager) and Louisiana Pacific Canada Ltd,  
1221 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. N, Golden BC, V0A 1H2**

#### **WHEREAS:**

- A. On March 17, 2020 the Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, provided notice under section 52 (2) of the *Public Health Act* that the transmission of the infectious agent SARS-CoV-2, which has caused cases, clusters and outbreaks of a serious communicable disease known as COVID-19 among the population of the Province of British Columbia, constitutes a regional event as defined in section 51 of the *Public Health Act*;
- B. The SARS-CoV-2 virus, an infectious agent, can cause outbreaks of COVID-19;
- C. A person infected with SARS-CoV-2 can infect other people with whom the infected person is in direct contact through droplets in the air, or from fluid containing SARS-CoV-2 left on surfaces;
- D. Close contact resulting from the gathering of people including workers and patrons, in the workplace promotes the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and increases the number of people who develop COVID-19 and become seriously ill;
- E. There has been an increase in the number of persons infected with COVID-19, particularly the more infectious Delta variant and other virus variants of concern. Virus variants of concern have heightened the risk to the population if people gather together or come into close contact in a workplace;
- F. This increase has resulted in increased cases of COVID-19, clusters of people with COVID-19, outbreaks of COVID-19, the transmission of COVID-19 to surrounding communities, and in particular, an increase in younger populations who are not yet vaccinated, contracting more serious COVID-19 illness, all of which increases the risk of hospitalizations, intensive care admissions, and deaths;
- G. Given the recent increase in cases in combination with the need to implement large scale vaccination clinics, it is challenging for public health officials to respond to cases, clusters and outbreaks of COVID-19; and a high volume of cases taxes the capacity of the public health system to carry out contact tracing and taxes the capacity of the health care system to provide care to those who have been infected with COVID-19.

- H. Having investigated the circumstances related to COVID-19 and the Workplace, I reasonably believe and do believe that the Workplace constitutes a health hazard under the *Public Health Act*, and that it is necessary to implement additional measures to reduce the chance of spread of COVID-19 in the workplace.

**REASONS for the Order:**

The reasons for this Order include:

- (i) individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 were in the Workplace during their infectious period and
- (ii) One or more persons may have been infected with COVID-19 while in the Workplace.

**I HEREBY MAKE THE FOLLOWING ORDER PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 30, 31, 32 AND 39 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, S.B.C. 2008 AND YOU MUST DO THE FOLLOWING:**

- a. Business owner and operator must determine immunization status of employees. Employees who refuse to provide proof of vaccination will be considered unvaccinated.
- b. Only Fully Vaccinated employees and supervisors are permitted to work at the site, Louisiana Pacific Canada Ltd, 1221 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. N, Golden BC V0A 1H2. Fully Vaccinated is defined as “7 days after having two doses of an approved COVID-19 vaccine”
- c. This order will be in place from September 9, 2021 until September 18, 2021 at midnight.
- d. Immunization status must be reviewed by a supervisor. All staff who do not meet the definition of fully vaccinated must not be permitted onsite for the duration of this order.

**TAKE NOTICE THAT:**

This Order must be posted in a conspicuous location. No person other than a Health Officer is permitted to remove, deface or alter the posted Order.

You are required pursuant to section 42 of the *Public Health Act*, to comply with this Order. If you fail to comply with this Order, enforcement action may be taken against you under Part 4, Division 6 of the *Public Health Act*.

Failure to comply with this Order is an offence under section 99 (1) (k) of the *Public Health Act*.

Pursuant to section 54 (1) (h) of the *Public Health Act*, and in accordance with the emergency powers set out in Part 5 of the *Public Health Act*, no Health Officer will be accepting requests for reconsideration, requests for review, or requests for reassessment of this Order.

Any request for further information about this order should be directed to:

[Ephcovid19@interiorhealth.ca](mailto:Ephcovid19@interiorhealth.ca)

*Shobhit Maruti*

**SIGNED:**

**Medical Health Officer: Dr. Shobhit Maruti**

**DATE: September 10, 2021**