

## **ORDER OF AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER NOTICE OF CLOSURE**

**To:** Olds Hotel & Convention Centre LP  
"the Owner"

Atul Verma  
"the General Manager"

**RE:** The "Swimming pool" located in Olds, Alberta and municipally described as:  
Pomeroy Inn & Suites at Olds College, 4601 46 Avenue

**WHEREAS** I, an **Executive Officer** of **Alberta Health Services**, have inspected the above noted premises pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Act, RSA 2000, c. P-37, as amended;

**AND WHEREAS** such inspection disclosed that the following conditions exist in and about the above noted premises which are or may become injurious or dangerous to the public health or which might hinder in any manner the prevention or suppression of disease, namely:

- a. Free available chlorine was measured at 0.2 ppm.
- b. The turnover rate with a flow rate of 25 gpm is 11.7 hours.
- c. Submerged suction outlet (main drain) covers were expired.
- d. Daily manual chemical testing records were incomplete.
- e. No skimming action was noted during the inspection due to low water level.
- f. Weekly bacteriological samples have not been routinely submitted.
- g. Algae growth was observed on the floor underneath the slide.
- h. The facility had no written water quality incident plan onsite.
- i. The facility had no written sanitation plan onsite.
- j. A recent anti-entrapment plan was not available for review.
- k. No records were observed onsite for daily monitoring of automated readings and associated set points.
- l. No records were observed onsite for daily visual checks and inspection of submerged suction outlets.

**AND WHEREAS** such inspection disclosed that the following breaches of the Public Health Act and the Public Swimming Pools Regulation, Alberta Regulation 204/2014 and the Pool Standards there under exist in and about the above noted premises, namely:

- a. Free available chlorine was measured at 0.2 ppm. This is in contravention of Section 4.1.1 of the Pool Standards which states that "the minimum free chlorine residual in a public swimming pool must be maintained as follows: 1.0 mg/l (ppm) in a public swimming pool with an operating water temperature of not greater than 30 degrees Celsius."
- b. The turnover rate with a flow rate of 25 gpm is 11.7 hours. This is in contravention of Section 3.1.1 of the Pool Standards which states that "a recirculation rate shall be maintained so that an amount of water equivalent to 100 percent of the water volume passes through treatment and is recirculated within: i. 4 hours, for a swimming pool constructed after November 2006."

- c. Submerged suction outlet (main drain) covers were expired. This is in contravention of Section 9.6.4 of the Pool Standards which states that “an anti-entrapment system installed in accordance with Section 9.4 must be routinely inspected in accordance with manufacturers’ instructions. A pool shall be closed immediately if the anti-entrapment system is not operating in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions.”
- d. Daily manual chemical testing records were incomplete. This is in contravention of Section 5.1(a) of the Pool Standards which states that “operating records must be maintained to provide information regarding the time of and observations and readings for pH, and the free, total and combined chlorine residuals.” This is also in contravention of Section 5.2.1 of the Pool Standards which states that “the free chlorine, combined chlorine and pH must be tested manually at least once per day.”
- e. No skimming action was noted during the inspection due to low water level. This is in contravention of Section 3.2 of the Pool Standards which states that “When a public swimming pool is in use, it must be operated to maximize the flow of the water through the skimming devices.”
- f. Weekly bacteriological samples have not been routinely submitted. This is in contravention of Section 19(1)(a) of the Public Swimming Pools Regulation which states that “A sample of the water in a public swimming pool must be taken and submitted to the Provincial Laboratory of Public Health for microbiological testing in accordance with the Pool Standards every week.”
- g. Algae growth was observed on the floor underneath the slide. This is in contravention of Section 11(c) of the Public Swimming Pools Regulations which states that “in accordance with the Pool Standards, a pool must be operated so that all the activities are conducted so as to minimize contamination of the public swimming pool water and provide for safety of the patrons.”
- h. The facility had no written water quality incident plan onsite. This is in contravention of Section 12.1 of the Pool Standards which states that “a water quality incident response plan that is appropriate to the type of public swimming pool must include the following:
  - a. The steps to be taken when any of the following occur:
    - i. Standards for microbiology, ORP, free chlorine, cyanuric acid, pH, and clarity in the public swimming pool are not being met,
    - ii. Blood, food or chemicals foul the water, or
    - iii. Fecal material or vomit foul the water, and
  - b. The name of the appropriate contact person and emergency contact numbers.”
- i. The facility had no written sanitation plan onsite. This is in contravention of Section 13.1 of the Pool Standards which states that “chemicals used for cleaning and disinfection, and specify a routine schedule for adequate cleaning, and where necessary disinfecting, of:
  - a. walls, floors, and decks;
  - b. washrooms and change rooms;
  - c. showers;
  - d. dry saunas and steam saunas; and
  - e. any other area or equipment in contact with patrons of the pool.”
- j. A recent anti-entrapment plan was not available for review. This is in contravention of Section 9.1 of the Pool Standards which states that “every owner or owner’s agent, if any, must assess anti-entrapment risks, develop and implement an appropriate anti-entrapment plan to meet the requirements of this section.”
- k. No records were observed on site for daily monitoring of automated readings and associated set points. This is in contravention of Section 5.1 (c) of the Pool Standards which states that “operating records must be maintained to provide information regarding

automated controller set points and readings for ORP, chlorine and pH.” This also contravenes Section 5.2.2. of the Pool Standards which states that “the automated readings and associated set points shall be monitored and recorded at least once per day.”

- I. No records were observed on site for daily visual checks and inspection of submerged suction outlets. This is in contravention of Section 9.6.1 of the Pool Standards which states that “the covers of each submerged suction outlet, including the equalizer and vacuum outlets, shall be routinely inspected prior to opening each day and throughout the day when the public swimming pool is in use.”

**AND WHEREAS**, by virtue of the foregoing, the above noted premises are hereby declared to be **Closed**.

NOW THEREFORE, I hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT**:

1. That the Owner immediately close the above noted premises.
2. That the Owner immediately undertake and diligently pursue the completion of the following work in and about the above noted premises, namely:
  - a. Balance the pool and ensure the free available chlorine is maintained at a minimum of 1.0mg/L (ppm) while maintaining the pH between 6.8 and 7.6.
  - b. A turnover rate of 4 hours must be achieved, approx. 73 GPM.
  - c. Submerged suction outlet (main drain) covers must be in compliance.
  - d. Ensure daily chemical records are taken and recorded.
  - e. The level of water in the pool must be increased at least halfway through the skimmers for the skimming action to occur.
  - f. Ensure microbiological sampling is done weekly.
  - g. Clean and sanitize the floor underneath the slide to remove algae.
  - h. Develop a water quality incident plan.
  - i. Ensure that daily and weekly records are available for review by an Executive Officer at all times.
  - j. Develop a written sanitation plan.
  - k. Develop a current anti-entrapment plan with all relevant and required information within and provide a copy of this to AHS for review and approval.
  - l. Keep records of daily monitoring of automated readings and associated set points.
  - m. Ensure the anti-entrapment plan includes daily inspection of submerged suction outlets and the record keeping associated with this.
3. That until such time as items a–g referred to above are completed to the satisfaction of an Executive Officer of Alberta Health Services; the above noted premises shall remain closed.
4. Items h–m above shall be completed not later than January 19, 2026.

The above conditions were noted at the time of inspection and may not necessarily reflect all deficiencies. You are advised that further work may be required to ensure full compliance with the Public Health Act and regulations, or to prevent a public health nuisance.

DATED at Olds, Alberta, January 8, 2026.

Confirmation of a verbal order issued to Naphaphorn O Kokoski on January 5, 2026.

Executive Officer  
Alberta Health Services

You have the right to appeal

A person who      a) is directly affected by a decision of a Regional Health Authority, and  
                             b) feels himself aggrieved by the decision

may appeal the decision by submitting a Notice of Appeal form within ten (10) days after receiving the order to:

Public Health Appeal Board  
c/o Central Reception  
Main Floor, ATB Place North Tower  
10025 Jasper Avenue NW  
Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 1S6  
Phone: 780-222-5186  
Fax: 780-422-0914  
Email: [HealthAppealBoard@gov.ab.ca](mailto:HealthAppealBoard@gov.ab.ca)  
Website: <https://www.alberta.ca/public-health-appeal-board.aspx>

A Notice of Appeal form may be obtained by contacting the Public Health Appeal Board or visiting their website.

Health Legislation, Regulations and Standards

Electronic versions of the Public Health Act and Regulations are available at the Alberta King's Printer Bookstore 10611 - 98 Avenue, Main Floor, Park Plaza, Edmonton, Alberta, T5K 2P7 or <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-kings-printer.aspx>.

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