

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

**To:** Staycation Alberta Hospitality Inc.  
Jignesh Babu  
Nivea Gandhi  
Surbhiben Gandhi  
“the Owners”

**RE:** The “Whirlpool” located in Ponoka, Alberta and municipally described as:  
Ramada Ponoka 57423 – Whirlpool, 1-6707 Highway 53.

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

**AND WHEREAS** such reports 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. The microbiological water quality of the whirlpool is not being maintained, as bacteriological analysis has indicated the presence of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* isolated in two consecutive water samples taken on July 22, 2025, and July 29, 2025.

**AND WHEREAS** such reports 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. The microbiological water quality of the whirlpool is not being maintained, as bacteriological analysis of the water samples has shown the presence of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* isolated in two consecutive water samples. This is in contravention of section 6.2 of the Pool Standards which states “In addition to 6.1, the quality of water in a public swimming pool operating at greater than 30 degrees Celsius must be maintained so that sample of the water do not show the presence of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.”

**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. Ensure the whirlpool is adequately treated to eliminate the presence of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and ensure that a satisfactory sample is collected post-treatment.
3. That until such time as the work referred to above is completed to the satisfaction of an Executive Officer of Alberta Health Services; the above noted premises shall remain closed.

The above conditions were noted at the time of receipt of the reports 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 Ponoka, Alberta, August 8, 2025.

Confirmation of a verbal order issued to Jignesh Babu on August 8, 2025.

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.

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