

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

**To:** **Grace Life Church of Edmonton**  
“the Owner”

James Coates  
“the Pastor”

**RE:** Those premises located in Parkland County, Alberta and municipally described as:  
Grace Life Church of Edmonton  
51529A-Range Road 262, Parkland County, Alberta (Lot 1A Block 1 Plan 1020669)

**WHEREAS** the Chief Medical Officer of Health (“CMOH”) has issued the following Records Of Decision – CMOH Order 42-2020, 26-2020 of the Public Health Act, as may be amended or varied by subsequent Records of Decision, in response to a public health emergency;

**AND WHEREAS** an Executive Officer’s Order was issued by Alberta Health Services on December 17, 2020 (“December 17 Order”) to address the Church’s non-compliance with CMOH Orders 42-2020 and 26-2020;

**AND WHEREAS** a Court Of Queen’s Bench Order enforcing the December 17 Order was granted on January 21, 2021;

**AND WHEREAS** I, an Executive Officer of Alberta Health Services have inspected the above noted Church on January 24, 2021 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 continue to exist in and about the above noted Church and 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. There were over 290 people attending the church service on January 24, 2021, in excess of the 15% total operational occupancy load as per the Alberta Fire Code.
- b. Church attendees, staff/volunteers were observed unmasked in the church lobby and in the sanctuary.
- c. It appeared that church attendees, staff/volunteers were not maintaining at least 2 meters physical distancing from other households.
- d. The Relaunch Plan Template outlining all activities that take place in the church, including meetings and other gatherings, details of risk mitigation measures to be implemented to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 and the process by which they will monitor the number of people inside the church has not been submitted to Alberta Health Services Executive Officer for review.

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

1. That the owner IMMEDIATELY CLOSE the above noted premises to public access, including congregants, members or attendees.
2. The above noted premises shall remain closed to the public until such time as the premises comes into compliance with active CMOH Orders, the Executive Officers Order issued on December 17, 2020, and the Court of Queen’s Bench Order granted January 21, 2021.

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 Edmonton, Alberta, January 29, 2021.

Health Legislation, Regulations and Standards

Electronic versions of the Public Health Act and Regulations are available at the Alberta Queen's Printer Bookstore 10611 - 98 Avenue, Main Floor, Park Plaza, Edmonton, Alberta, T5K 2P7 or [www.qp.gov.ab.ca](http://www.qp.gov.ab.ca).

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COVID-19 Template revised Dec. 2020

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