

ORDER OF AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER NOTICE OF CLOSURE

To: Best Western Plus Service Inn & Suites
“the Owner”

Bruce Primeau
“the Owner”

Brian Barwegen
“the Operator”

RE: The “whirlpool” located in Lethbridge, Alberta and municipally described as:
Best Wester Plus Service Inn & Suites
209 – 41 Street S

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. Pseudomonas aeruginosa was isolated in the sample collected May 15.
- b. An HPC of 2560 CFU/mL was isolated in the sample collected May 15.
- c. Pseudomonas aeruginosa was isolated in the sample collected May 22.
- d. Total coliforms were isolated in the sample collected May 22.
- e. An HPC of >57000 CFU/mL was isolated in the sample collected May 22.

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. Pseudomonas aeruginosa was isolated in the sample collected May 15 which is in contravention of Section 6.2 of the Pool Standards which state that the quality of water in a public swimming pool operating at greater than 30 degrees Celsius must be maintained so that samples of the water do not show the presence of Pseudomonas aeruginosa.
- b. An HPC of 2560 CFU/mL was isolated in the sample collected May 15 which is in contravention of Section 6.1(b) of the Pool Standards which state that the quality of water in a public swimming pool must be maintained so that the water does not: have a

heterotrophic plate count greater than 100 colony forming units per milliliter in a 100 milliliter sample.

- c. *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* was isolated in the sample collected May 22 which is in contravention of Section 6.2 of the Pool Standards which state that the quality of water in a public swimming pool operating at greater than 30 degrees Celsius must be maintained so that samples of the water do not show the presence of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.
- d. Total coliforms were isolated in the sample collected May 22 which is in contravention of section 6.1 of the Pool Standards which state that the quality of the water in a public swimming pool must be maintained so that the water does not show the presence of total coliforms in a 100 milliliter sample.
- e. An HPC of >57000 CFU/mL was isolated in the sample collected May 22 which is in contravention of Section 6.1(b) of the Pool Standards which state that the quality of water in a public swimming pool must be maintained so that the water does not: have a heterotrophic plate count greater than 100 colony forming units per milliliter in a 100 milliliter sample

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 whirlpool.
2. That the Owner immediately undertake and diligently pursue the completion of the following work in and about the above noted premises, namely:
 - a. Drain and clean the whirlpool as per regular *Pseudomonas* protocols.
 - b. Refill, balance and resample the whirlpool. The whirlpool must stay closed until a sample returns clear of *Pseudomonas* and total coliforms and the HPC is <100 CFU/mL
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 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 Lethbridge, Alberta, May 25, 2025.

Confirmation of a verbal order issued to Brian Barwegen on May 24, 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
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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