PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER
RESCINDING ALL PREVIOUS COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS

July 9, 2021

(Under section 38 and subsection 45(2) of The Public Health Act, 1994 and subsection 25.2(2) of The Disease Control Regulations)

WHEREAS:

A. I, Dr. Saqib Shahab, an official with the Ministry of Health and the Chief Medical Health Officer for the Province of Saskatchewan, have been authorized by the Minister of Health to act under section 45 of The Public Health Act, 1994 and under subsection 25.2 of The Disease Control Regulations;

B. The transmission of the infectious agent SARS-CoV-2, which has caused cases and outbreaks of a serious communicable disease known as COVID-19 among the population of the Province of Saskatchewan, is a serious public health threat, as defined in The Public Health Act, 1994;

C. COVID-19 is a category I communicable disease;

D. Vaccination against COVID-19 is now widely available across Saskatchewan. Vaccines approved for use in Canada have proven to be safe and highly effective at both minimizing the transmission of COVID-19 and minimizing negative health outcomes, such as hospitalization and death, in vaccinated persons who do contract COVID-19;

E. Multiple SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern have emerged worldwide and are now present in Canada and Saskatchewan. These variants of concern are more transmissible than the previously dominant variants, and are more likely to cause death or serious illness. However, best evidence shows that a full course of vaccination against COVID-19 provides strong protection against existing variants of concern;

F. On May 4, 2021 the Government of Saskatchewan announced the Re-Opening Roadmap, a three-step plan to gradually lift public health restrictions as the number
of persons in Saskatchewan vaccinated against COVID-19 reaches pre-determined thresholds;

G. On June 19, 2021 Saskatchewan reached the third of three vaccination thresholds set out in the *Re-Opening Roadmap*, namely, that 70\% of adults aged 18 years and older have received their first vaccination against COVID-19;

H. On June 28, 2021 Saskatchewan reached the additional vaccination threshold set out in the *Re-Opening Roadmap*, namely, that 70\% of Saskatchewanians aged 12 years and older have received their first vaccination against COVID-19;

I. I am aware of and have considered the impact that past public health orders and other public health measures, including the *Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan*, have had on the people of Saskatchewan;

J. I am continuously evaluating and reconsidering public health measures based upon the information and evidence available to me, including the impacts on the people of Saskatchewan previously discussed, and also including infection rates, sources of transmission, the presence of outbreaks, the number of people in hospital and in intensive care, deaths, the emergence of and risks posed by variants of concern, vaccine availability, immunization rates, the vulnerability of particular populations and reports from the rest of Canada and other jurisdictions;

K. Based on the foregoing considerations, I have determined that a public health order is no longer necessary to prevent, reduce and control the transmission of SARS-CoV-2, including variants of concern;

L. Accordingly, effective July 11, 2021 at 12:01am I hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

**SECTION 1: DEFINITION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER**

(a) In this order, “public health order” means:

(i) An order of the Chief Medical Health Officer made pursuant to section 38 of *The Public Health Act, 1994*; and

(ii) An order of the Minister of Health, including an order of the Chief Medical Health Officer acting on behalf of the Minister of Health, made pursuant to subsection 45(2) of *The Public Health Act, 1994* or subsection 25.2(2) of *The Disease Control Regulations*. 
(b) For greater certainty, “public health order” does not include:

(i) An order of a medical health officer, other than the Chief Medical Health Officer, made pursuant to section 38 of The Public Health Act, 1994; or

(ii) A preventative detention order made by a medical health officer, pursuant to section 45.1 of The Public Health Act, 1994.

SECTION 2: RESCISSION

All existing public health orders related to the prevention and control of COVID-19 are hereby rescinded.

DATED at Regina, Saskatchewan, on the 9th day of July, 2021.

Dr. Saqib Shahab FRCPC
Government of Saskatchewan
Chief Medical Health Officer