

Seventh-day Adventist® Church

ALBERTA CONFERENCE

March 28, 2020

Dear Adventist Family & Friends in Alberta and the Northwest Territories:

We are issuing this letter to all Alberta Conference employees and members to highlight recent developments that all organizations and individuals within the Alberta Conference need to be aware:

We are living in unprecedented times. We are witnessing events unfold before our eyes that God's Word and the Holy Spirit have prepared us for with advanced warning. Now, more than ever is the time to hold fast to God's promises, to seek His face in prayer, supplication, and fasting.

National Day of Prayer in Canada

Today, March 28, 2020, has been declared by our Canadian Government as a National Day of Prayer. They are encouraging people of all faiths to pray for God's intervention during this COVID-19 Pandemic crisis.

We would encourage you and your families, to seek God in prayer during this time. Ask Him for guidance and His divine intervention. Seek Him for wisdom and protection from all harm.

New Health Restrictions

In addition to the National Day of Prayer, Alberta Government issued new updates on March 27, 2020, that affect all Albertans and, by extension, organizations and employees within the Alberta Conference.

As of yesterday, March 27, 2020, "people are prohibited from attending gatherings of more than 15, and they must observe two metres of social distancing. This prohibition includes:

- open spaces such as trails, fields and parks
- public and private gatherings where people are brought together in a single room or space at the same time, including funerals, weddings and other formal and informal events

Further details on gathering restrictions are available online.

Workplaces that have not been ordered to close can continue to have more than 15 workers on



a worksite as long as those businesses maintain public health measures, including two-metre social distancing, hygiene enforcement and processes that ensure that any person who is ill does not attend these spaces.

"These are aggressive measures, and we don't take them lightly. We need to do everything we can to flatten the curve and keep people healthy. I strongly encourage all Albertans to stay close to home as we are all in this together. Our collective action will protect our family, friends and neighbours."

Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Chief Medical Officer of Health

Any business or organization not following the public health order will be subject to a fine. Courts have the power to administer fines of up to \$100,000 for a first offence and up to \$500,000 for a subsequent offence for more serious violations. Individuals aware of any businesses violating these orders should submit a complaint online immediately."

We encourage you to read the complete Health Update here:

<https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=69941354D5ED5-0305-6492-CF5F6B8FD9BD41FB>

And the Mass Gathering Restrictions here:

<https://www.alberta.ca/restrictions-on-gatherings-and-businesses.aspx#toc-0>

Please stay tuned here for further updates affecting Alberta and our Conference:

<https://www.alberta.ca/news.aspx>

We will continue to trust God, during this time, and trust His leading. We believe that He is very close to us and will never forsake His people. It is our time to rise and shine and share the good hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May we do so in tactful, appropriate, and healthful ways guided by the Holy Spirit.

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