



ALBERTA

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
*Office of the Minister*

## Ministerial Order No. 2020-019

WHEREAS the Lieutenant Governor in Council made Order in Council 080/2020 under section 52.1(1) of the *Public Health Act* (PHA) on March 17, 2020 declaring a state of public health emergency in Alberta due to pandemic COVID-19 and the significant likelihood of pandemic influenza;

WHEREAS Order in Council 080/2020 has effect for 90 days following March 17, 2020 under section 52.8(1)(a) of the PHA;

WHEREAS sections 52.1(2) and 52.1(3) of the PHA authorize the Minister of Community and Social Services (Minister) to make an order, without consultation, to suspend or modify the application or operation of all or part of an enactment, subject to the terms and conditions the Minister prescribes, if the Minister is satisfied that the application or operation of all or part of the enactment is not in the public interest;

WHEREAS section 52.1(2.1) of the Public Health Act allows an order to be made retroactive to a date not earlier than the date on which a state of public health emergency was declared;

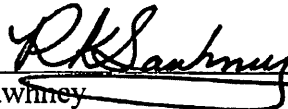
WHEREAS I am satisfied that the application or operation of limitation periods in the enactments under Appendix A is not in the public interest because some of the steps or measures taken to lessen the impact of the public health emergency restrict the ability of individual Albertans to take steps to preserve their rights;

THEREFORE, I, Rajan Sawhney, Minister of Community and Social Services, pursuant to section 52.1(2) of the PHA, do hereby order that:

1. Limitation periods set out in the specific provisions in the Appendix are suspended from March 17, 2020 to June 1, 2020;
2. Any period of time within which any step must be taken is suspended, or where the provision sets a maximum period the counting of time for that period is suspended, subject to the discretion of the court, tribunal, appeal panel, Director, or other decision-maker, from March 17, 2020, to June 1, 2020;
3. For clarity, the limitation period or period of time resumes running on June 1, 2020 and the temporary suspension period shall not be counted; and

4. This Order lapses, unless it is sooner continued by an order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council under section 52.811(3) of the PHA, at the earliest of the following:
- (a) June 1, 2020;
  - (b) 60 days after Order in Council 080/2020 is terminated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, if Order in Council 080/2020 is terminated before June 1, 2020;
  - (c) when the Order is terminated by the Minister under section 52.811(2) of the PHA because the Minister is satisfied that this Order is no longer in the public interest; or
  - (d) when this Order is terminated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council under section 52.811(1)(c) of the PHA.

DATED this 4 day of MAY, 2020.



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Rajan Sawhney  
Minister of Community and Social Services

## APPENDIX

### Enactments with Suspended Limitation Periods

1. The *Adult Adoption Act*;
  - a. section 11;
  - b. section 12(1);
2. The *Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Act*;
  - a. section 10(2);
3. The *Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped General Regulation*;
  - a. schedule 2, section 2(2)(1)(ii);
4. The *Family Support for Children with Disabilities Act*;
  - a. section 7(2);
  - b. section 7(3);
5. The *Income and Employment Supports Act*;
  - a. section 45(1);
6. The *Disability-Related Employment Supports and Service Regulation*;
  - a. section 6(3);
7. The *Income Support, Training and Health Benefits Regulation*;
  - a. section 44(2);
  - b. section 44(3);
  - c. section 44(8);
  - d. section 91(1);
  - e. section 92(2);
8. The *Persons with Developmental Disabilities Services Act*;
  - a. section 14.1(2);
  - b. section 15(3)(a);
  - c. section 15(3)(b);
9. The *Persons with Developmental Disabilities Services Regulation*;
  - a. sections 3(5);
  - b. section 5(3)(a); and
  - c. section 5(3)(b).