

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
SOLICITOR GENERAL

*Emergency Program Act*

**Ministerial Order No. M314**

WHEREAS a declaration of a state of emergency throughout the whole of the Province of British Columbia was declared on March 18, 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS additional enforcement measures for gatherings and events are necessary to protect public safety and alleviate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS section 10 (1) of the *Emergency Program Act* provides that I may do all acts and implement all procedures that I consider necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of any emergency or disaster;

I, Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, order that the attached Gatherings and Events (COVID-19) Order is made.

August 20, 2020

Date



Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

*(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)*

**Authority under which Order is made:**

Act and section: *Emergency Program Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 111, s. 10

Other: MO 73/2020; OIC 482/2020

## **GATHERINGS AND EVENTS (COVID-19) ORDER**

### **Definition**

- 1** In this order, **“Gatherings and Events Order”** means the order entitled “Gatherings and Events” made by the provincial health officer on August 7, 2020, as amended from time to time.

### **Adoption by reference**

- 2** (1) The provisions of the Gatherings and Events Order are deemed to be provisions of this order.  
(2) For certainty,
  - (a) a contravention of the Gatherings and Events Order is a contravention of this order, and
  - (b) the definitions in the Gatherings and Events Order apply to this order.

### **Non-compliant gatherings and events**

- 3** Sections 4 and 5 apply to the following social gatherings and events:
  - (a) a social gathering or event that contravenes section 1 of the Gatherings and Events Order;
  - (b) an event that contravenes section 3 or 8 of the Gatherings and Events Order;
  - (c) an event that does not meet the conditions of section 4 of the Gatherings and Events Order.

### **No promotion or encouragement**

- 4** A person must not promote a social gathering or event referred to in section 3 or encourage another person to attend such a social gathering or event.

### **Law enforcement officers**

- 5** A person who attends or promotes a social gathering or event referred to in section 3 must comply with any direction given by a law enforcement officer, including a direction to disperse.

### **Abusive or belligerent behaviour**

- 6** A person must not engage in abusive or belligerent behaviour towards another person
  - (a) at a social gathering in vacation accommodation,
  - (b) at an event, or
  - (c) in any premises, as defined in the order entitled “Restaurants, Coffee Shops, Cafes, Cafeterias and Licensed Premises, Including Pubs, Bars, Lounges, Nightclubs and Tasting Rooms” made by the provincial health officer on July 31, 2020, as amended from time to time.

### **Compliance by patrons**

- 7** (1) A patron who attends an event must comply with the conditions set out in section 4 (f) and (g) of the Gatherings and Events Order.  
(2) A patron who attends a drive in must

- (a) comply with the condition set out in section 8 (a) of the Gatherings and Events Order,
- (b) stay in the patron's vehicle except to use washroom facilities, and
- (c) when outside the patron's vehicle, maintain a distance of two metres from other patrons.

**Enforcement information to minister**

- 8** A law enforcement agency and a local government must provide the minister with information in its possession, other than personal information, that the minister requests respecting the enforcement of this order by the law enforcement agency or the local government.