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To: Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health
Stephen Brown, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health
All British Columbia Medical Health Officers
Dr. Evan Adams, Chief Medical Officer, First Nations Health Authority
Dr. Brian Emerson, Deputy Provincial Health Officer (acting)
Dr. Daniele Behn Smith, Deputy Provincial Health Officer, Indigenous Health
Dr. Reka Gustafson, Vice President, Public Health and Wellness
Lorie Hrycuik, Executive Lead, Ministry of Health

Re: Provincial Health Officer Notice
Public Health Act S.B.C. 2008, Chapter 28, section 52 (2)

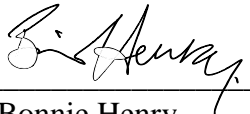
Further to the provisions of section 52 (2) of the *Public Health Act*, I hereby provide notice that the transmission of the infectious agent SARS-CoV-2, which has caused cases and outbreaks of a serious illness known as COVID – 19 among the population of the Province of British Columbia, constitutes a regional event as defined under section 51 of the *Public Health Act*.

On the basis of the information that has been reported to me in my capacity as the Provincial Health Officer, I reasonably believe that the following criteria found in section 52 (2) *Public Health Act* exist:

- (a) the regional event could have a serious impact on public health;
- (b) the regional event is unusual or unexpected;
- (c) there is a significant risk of the spread of an infectious agent; and
- (d) there is a significant risk of travel or trade restrictions as a result of the regional event.

The purpose of providing this notice is to enable the exercise of the powers in Part 5 of the *Public Health Act* in responding to the event.

Signed this 17 day of March, 2020

SIGNED: 
Bonnie Henry
MD, MPH, FRCPC
Provincial Health Officer