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TO: All Branches
For Information of Members of Command Executive Council

FROM: Valerie MacGregor, President, BC/Yukon Command

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Virus Update #22 New Provincial Health Order

Memo #70.20

Comrades,

The Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry announced earlier this week that she would be implementing new restrictions on food service, liquor services and events due to the rise in new Covid-19 cases in the Province. These restrictions were published late yesterday and will affect our branches.

The highlights from the order that affect branches are:

- All patrons must be assigned to a table, booth or counter and shown to their seats. Patrons must remain seated except to use the washroom or leave. This means no table hopping, or visiting other tables. No sports such as pool and darts.
- There is still a six party maximum per table. No more than 6 per table even if they belong to the same party.
- No self-service. Liquor may only be served to patrons who are seated.
- Patrons must not sing, engage in Karaoke or dance on premises.
- You must assess the premises for places where patrons may congregate and take steps to avoid congregation. This includes taking steps to prevent congregation outside our premises.
- If back ground music is provided by live performer or disc jockey a physical barrier must be installed between the performers and patrons and there must be at least a three meter separation between performers and patrons.

There are also some new restrictions on events:

- All events must end no later than 11:00pm
- After an event, and before the premises or area of the premises may be re-opened for regular business, the premises or the area of the premises must be closed for at least one hour and cleaned and sanitized.
- If live music is provided at the event the same rules as above apply.

According to the definition of an “event” provided in the order your meat draws would be considered an event.

We understand that these new tighter restrictions are going to be difficult for branches to manage. BC/Yukon Command staff have reached out to the Provincial Health Authority to advocate for exceptions for Legions in regards to our meat draws and the ability to offer self-service. We will update you as more information becomes available. Until then the current health order must be followed.

Please read the full order here

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-order-nightclubs-food-drink.pdf>

I want to express my appreciation again for all the executive and volunteers who are working so hard to keep their branches sustainable. Thank you for all you are doing.

Stay safe!

In comradeship,

Val