



DATE: September 16, 2021

TO: Depot Network; ABCRC; ABDA; ABCC

RE: **State of Emergency & Temporary COVID-19 Measures**

As you are likely aware, the Province of Alberta has declared a state of public health emergency. New [temporary measures](#) to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and protect the health care system came into effect this morning.

As well, starting Monday, September 20, businesses must follow one of two options:

1. Implement the [Restrictions Exemption Program](#) requiring proof of vaccination or negative rapid test result to continue operating as usual. Customers will need to be checked for government-issued proof of vaccination or a recent negative COVID-19 test.

The requirement for proof of vaccination or negative rapid test does not apply to your employees. That is a decision that is up to you as an employer.

OR

2. Follow capacity and operating restrictions if you choose not to require proof of vaccination. **This allows you to remain open and operating as usual, as long as you implement the following requirements:**
 - social distancing of 2 metres
 - mask wearing (employees and customers)
 - only one third of your fire code capacity for your depot/place of business
 - customers must be from one household or two close contacts for those living alone
 - working from home unless a physical presence is required for operational effectiveness (such as depots and the CSA plants, where working from home is not possible)

Please carefully review the information on the [Government of Alberta's website](#) related to the temporary measures and the Restrictions Exemption Program. If you have questions, please direct them to the Government of Alberta at 310-0000.

As always, the BCMB recognizes the challenges these restrictions place on those in our industry. We truly appreciate your commitment to the health and safety of your customers and staff.

