

CPS statement in response to AHS injunction

The Calgary Police Service continues to work with our provincial partners to address those who are inclined to ignore the public health orders in place to keep our communities safe.

In addition to the enforcement framework that was announced earlier in the week, Alberta Health Services has obtained a Court of Queen's Bench Order that applies to gatherings including protests, demonstrations and rallies – this is a significant development.

This Order imposes new restrictions on organizers of protests and demonstrations requiring compliance with public health orders in effect relating to masking, physical distancing, and attendance limits. In the event of non-compliance, the Order provides enforcement powers, including powers of arrest, for those that are organizing, promoting and attending any public gathering where public health orders are not being followed.

We continue to work with our partners and the community to stop the spread of COVID-19. We ask those who may be considering organizing or participating in any outdoor events to ensure they are familiar with public health order requirements and to do their part to prevent further spread of the virus.