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Good Afternoon,

Justice and Solicitor General has been at the vanguard of the Government of Alberta's anti-pandemic efforts right from the beginning, keeping Albertans safe and enforcing measures to stop this virus from spreading.

Keeping this outbreak under control has required an enormous collective effort—and as we enter an especially crucial period in the life cycle of this crisis, it's more important than ever to make sure those of you on the frontlines stay healthy and protected.

Testing will be key to meeting this goal.

Beginning April 5, the testing criteria for COVID-19 have been expanded to include the following groups:

- First responders, including all firefighters, EMS, police and RCMP;
- Those involved in COVID-19 enforcement, including police, peace officers, environmental health officers, and Fish and Wildlife officers; and
- Correctional facility staff working in either provincial or federal facilities.

Everyone in these groups is urged to use AHS' online assessment tool for healthcare and shelter workers, enforcement personnel, and first responders, at: www.AHS.ca/covid.

If you have symptoms including fever, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, sore throat or runny nose, you **must** self-isolate for 10 days after the onset of symptoms and until your symptoms have resolved (whichever is longer). Under no circumstances should you leave your property during self-isolation.

By expanding the criteria for coronavirus testing, we can better protect not just first responders and others who may be required to work in high-risk areas, but countless vulnerable Albertans as well.

Thanks again to all of you for rising to this unprecedented challenge. You've treated it with the seriousness it deserves, and we know we can rely on you to take these testing measures just as seriously.

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