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Re: COVID-19 outbreak at the Peace River Correctional Centre

At an outbreak meeting on February 18, 2021, representatives from the Peace River Correctional Centre (PRCC) and key stakeholders discussed the various measures that would achieve better control of Covid-19 at this site. Representatives from the PRCC, Alberta Health Services (AHS) Communicable Disease Control, Infection Prevention Control and Public Health were present. Following this meeting, Christopher Yuan, AHS Infection Control Practitioner, facilitated further brain-storming with representatives from the above organizations and subsequently submitted several proposal for my consideration.

I have confirmed Medical Officer of Health (MOH) support for the following Public Health measures:

- Consider shutting down admissions until such a time the facility can get through with one infectious cycle (14 days).
- Reinforce the recommendation of the single site staffing directive where possible.
- Review the daily fitness-to-work (FTW) screening processes and optimize where possible.

It was acknowledged that the above measures would require input from all key stakeholders and that the recommendations will be operationalized by the PRCC. Given the collaborative nature of our conversation to date, a MOH Public Health Order, under the Public Health Act, is not indicated at this time.

We would appreciate you identifying any other considerations that may have bearing on the proposed measures.

Sincerely,

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