



Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms

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Dear Dr. Hinshaw,

I know that you care deeply about the health and lives of Albertans. I trust that your concern about the health of Albertans is broad-based and comprehensive, and extends to preventing deaths and preventing adverse health outcomes vis-a-vis all causes, including suicides, alcoholism, other addictions, drug overdoses, spousal abuse, cancer, psychiatric disorders, the cancellation of medically necessary surgeries, etc.

I write to inquire about the threat that current government measures to combat COVID-19 (e.g. social distancing and isolation; the shutting down of our economy; the cancellation and closure of many health care services that Albertans rely upon; the shutting down of golf courses and public parks; etc.) are posing to the health and lives of Albertans.

I trust that you have given very serious consideration to the number of lives that will be lost as a result of the social isolation and economic devastation that government measures against COVID-19 are inflicting on Albertans.

I hereby request your candid and detailed response to the following questions:

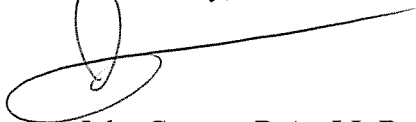
1. How many suicides are projected to take place in Alberta as a result of the Alberta government having shut down much of our economy, forcing hundreds of thousands of Albertans into unemployment, bankruptcy, or poverty?
2. How many Albertans do you project will die because of the rise in alcoholism, other addictions and drug overdoses that the lockdown and associated unemployment and social isolation will cause, as the lockdown drags on for weeks or even months?
3. How many spouses in Alberta do you project will be abused or killed while couples remain confined to their homes, in many cases unemployed, without money and without their usual social supports?
4. How many children will be put in foster care because of domestic abuse, or loss of their parents' ability to provide for them, or both?

5. How many Alberta seniors are projected to become sick or die because they no longer receive regular visitors, resulting in nobody noticing changes (e.g. weight loss or gain; change in skin colour; other ailments), such that nobody takes these sick seniors to their own family doctor for a check-up?
6. How many Albertans are projected to die of cancer and other diseases and conditions, because their elective surgery, testing and various treatments have been cancelled due to the singular focus on fighting COVID-19?
7. How many Albertans are projected to suffer harm by lack of access to secondary health providers they regularly rely on, such as physiotherapists, massage therapists, optometrists, chiropractors, osteopaths and dentists?
8. How many Albertans are projected to die or suffer serious harm because they believe (correctly or incorrectly) that they cannot go see their doctor, or that they cannot check into emergency at the hospital?
9. How many children in Alberta, confined to their homes while schools and playgrounds are closed and athletic activities are shut down, are projected to develop diabetes or other chronic health conditions?
10. How many Albertans will develop psychiatric disorders caused by governments having eliminated social interaction at restaurants, pubs, churches, recreational facilities and community centres?
11. Have you or your staff researched any of these questions here above?
12. If yes to the foregoing question, have you created any models, estimates or projections in regard to any or all of these causes of illness, harm and death?
13. If yes to the foregoing question, I request copies of those models, estimates and projections.

If I receive no response to this letter, I will take that to mean that you and your staff have failed to calculate and consider the severe negative impact of the lockdown on the lives and health of Albertans, and that no significant or meaningful research has been conducted on the crucial issues raised in this letter.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,



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cc. Jason Kenney, Premier of Alberta