

Alberta RCMP - Statement regarding events in defiance of COVID-19 public health orders

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Statement

📍 Edmonton, Alberta

In support of the [Alberta Health Service injunction](https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/news/Page15895.aspx) (<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/news/Page15895.aspx>) recently granted, the Alberta RCMP are issuing the following statement:

On May 6, the Court of Queen's Bench granted a pre-emptive injunction against all planned events in contravention of public health orders. The injunction essentially defines these events as illegal public gatherings that do not comply with masking, attendance limits and physical distancing requirements.

Law enforcement agencies can act immediately under this injunction, without the necessity of Alberta Health Services attendance. There are a variety of ways to enforce this order, including the ability to issue tickets, fines and criminal charges to individuals who are breaking public health orders by organizing and/or attending these events. This can include arrest and removal any person who has notice of this Order and chooses to act in violation of it.

We all have a part to play in the provincial COVID-19 response. Our primary role is, and always will be, keeping all Albertans safe, while upholding the law. This includes enforcing public health orders for the health and safety of all Albertans.

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