

CANADA
NUNAVUT

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, S. Nu. 2016, c. 13

ORDER DESIGNATING THE EASTER BUNNY AND OTHERS AS EXEMPT CRITICAL WORKERS

WHEREAS:

- A. The Minister of Health has declared a Public Health Emergency in Nunavut effective March 20, 2020 to address the novel coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, and renewed this declaration effective Friday April 3, 2020;
- B. Pursuant to section 41(1) (e) of the *Public Health Act*, the Chief Public Health Officer issued a Travel Restriction Order effective March 24, 2020 prohibiting travel to Nunavut, excepting Nunavut residents and providers of critical services;
- C. It is in the public interest to designate qualified persons to be providers of critical services for the benefit of all Nunavummiut;

THEREFORE, the Chief Public Health Officer hereby orders the following:

1. Pursuant to subsection 41(1)(e) of the Act, the Easter Bunny (*Lepus paschalis*) is designated as a provider of critical services; specifically, the delivery of Easter chocolate, candy, and other treats to the children and young-at-heart of Nunavut, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. The Easter Bunny is exempt from the Travel Restriction Order;
 - b. The Easter Bunny shall not deliver Easter treats in parks, playgrounds, and other recreational facilities;
 - c. The Easter Bunny shall abide by the Order Restricting Mass Gatherings, issued March 23, 2020; and
 - d. Due to the current global public health emergency, the Chief Public Health Officer acknowledges that the Easter Bunny may not be able to visit every household this year.

2. Pursuant to subsection 41(1)(e) of the Act, the Tooth Fairy is designated as a provider of critical services; specifically, the collection of deciduous teeth (also known as “baby teeth”) from the children of Nunavut in exchange for lawful consideration such as money or other token gifts, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. The Tooth Fairy is exempt from the Travel Restriction Order;
 - b. The Tooth Fairy is permitted to enter dwellings during the overnight hours for the purposes of performing critical services;
 - c. The Tooth Fairy shall maintain appropriate social distancing at all times; and
 - d. The Chief Public Health Officer acknowledges that the current public health emergency may affect the timely performance of the Tooth Fairy’s services, and that service delays shall not constitute *force majeure*.

This order is effective at 11:59 pm Thursday April 9, 2020 and remains in effect for the duration of the Public Health Emergency, unless otherwise rescinded.

Dr. Michael Patterson
Chief Public Health Officer