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Attn: Beach Operator,

RE: Recreational Water Sampling

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, all natural recreational water sampling for beaches in Alberta has been postponed until further notice. Alberta Health Services - Safe Healthy Environments (AHS-SHE) will provide further updates as necessary regarding the monitoring program, should this change. Attached is a poster we encourage you to display in prominent locations in your recreation area, advising visitors that water quality is not monitored this season.

As many beaches are located within municipal, private or provincial recreational areas [campgrounds], access to beaches is dependent on the current restrictions listed within the Chief Medical Officers Orders'. This information is found on the Alberta Government website at <https://www.alberta.ca/guidance-on-outdoor-activities.aspx>. Beaches are not closed for access by Albertans, however there may be limitations to accessing the park where the beach is located.

We also encourage that you provide education and messaging specific to COVID-19 in your recreational area, including information on social distancing, hand hygiene and self-isolation. Resources are found at <https://www.alberta.ca/prevent-the-spread.aspx>.

For more information, please contact your local Public Health Inspector or by reaching out to your nearest Environmental Public Health office.

Yours sincerely,



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