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Dear Deputy Minister Rosen and Dr. Verna Yiu:

Re: Compliance and enforcement of Alberta's COVID-19 restrictions

Members of the Edmonton Zone Medical Staff Association's Strategic COVID-19 Pandemic Committee have received many reports of pubs, bars and restaurants being crowded and not following the current regulations allowing only individuals from the same households to sit at tables together. There have also been multiple videos from both mainstream and social media showing venues in Edmonton and Calgary that are allowing too many people in at peak times that social distancing is not possible.

Alberta Health (AH) and Alberta Health Services (AHS) share a joint responsibility for compliance and enforcement of Alberta's COVID-19 restrictions to protect the public, clients and staff at these venues. As the responsible organizations, we are seeking the following information:

- What efforts are being made to enforce these regulations?
- To whom should concerned members of the public forward their complaints?
- Are there plans to increase the restrictions in light of the new more transmissible variants?



- Are there plans to ensure that every person entering a bar, restaurant or pub provides contact information to aid in contact tracing?
- What actions have been and are being taken against establishments that have been associated with outbreaks?
- Will AH or AHS be issuing public health advisories to the public identifying venues that have been associated with outbreaks?

Thanking you in advance for your answers to our questions.

Sincerely,

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