

September 15, 2021

Hon. Jason Kenney
Office of the Premier
307 Legislature Building
10800 – 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Re: Exemptions to health restrictions for business operators

Dear Premier,

Our members encourage policy to limit COVID-19 transmission that is informed by data and minimizes economic harm. To provide certainty for business, the data and analyses behind these decisions should be publicly available.

The ACC, in partnership with hospitality and food service industry associations, recently conducted research into the latest health restrictions. A majority of businesses affected by the current restrictions would voluntarily implement a proof of vaccination policy in order to provide liquor service past 10 p.m. (data attached).

The province has also granted exemptions to the current health orders restricting liquor sales past 10 p.m. Pursuant to our letters from April 7 and September 2 this year requesting a process for exemptions based on science and publicly available data, our network of 121 chamber members is asking for the province to provide:

1. The process, policy criteria, and timelines for businesses to receive exemptions to health orders;
2. A specific exemption from restrictions on liquor sales past 10 p.m. for business operators who choose to require proof of vaccination to provide service; and,
3. The cost-benefit analysis being applied to restrict liquor sales past 10 p.m.

In the interest of advancing economic recovery with a level playing field for all business operators in Alberta, our members would appreciate a timely response to the above requests. Operators who voluntarily make the decision to require proof of vaccination are committing to providing safe environments for patrons and employees. A simple exemption process and criteria is urgently needed to support business continuity for these operators in the event of further health restrictions.

Thank you,



Ken Kobly
President and CEO