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Chief Electoral Officer Elections Saskatchewan

This letter confirms that Elections Saskatchewan is regularly consulting with the Chief Medical Health Officer (CMHO) and public health staff in the Ministry of Health to ensure the provincial elections in October 2020 will proceed in the safest way possible during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The CMHO has determined that the number of persons permitted in any polling location is determined by capacity to maintain physical distancing and not by restrictions on indoor gatherings that are specified in the provincial Public Health Order. Elections Saskatchewan has consulted with the CMHO and public health staff in the Ministry of Health on measures that will be in place at polling locations to minimize the risk of transmission of COVID-19.

Election administrators have been explicitly added to the critical public services list that exempts Elections Saskatchewan from mass gathering limits. (See: <u>Critical Public</u> <u>Services</u>). Additionally, Election administrators will be incorporated into the Public Health <u>Order to exempt them from restrictions on entry to facilities as defined in the Public</u> <u>Health Order.</u>

Sincerely,

Dr. Saqib Shahab Chief Medical Health Officer