

(a) a public health emergency exists; and

(b) the public health emergency cannot be sufficiently mitigated or remedied without the implementation of the special measures available under section 28.

(2) A declaration of a public health emergency expires no more than 14 days after it is made.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), the minister, on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, may extend the public health emergency for consecutive periods of 14 days where

(a) the public health emergency continues to exist; and

(b) the extension is required to protect the health of the population.

(4) A declaration of a public health emergency or an extension of a public health emergency shall

(a) identify the nature of the public health emergency;

(b) describe the area of the province to which it relates; and

(c) specify the dates when the declaration takes effect and when it expires.

(5) The minister, on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, may cancel a declaration made under subsection (1), or vary the period or the area to which it relates, where

(a) the public health emergency no longer exists in all or an area of the province;

(b) the public health emergency exists in an area of the province not included in the declaration; or

(c) the declaration is no longer required to protect the health of the population.

(6) The Chief Medical Officer of Health shall publish the details of a declaration made under this section without delay and in a manner that can reasonably be expected to notify the residents of the province to whom the declaration relates.

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Special measures

28. (1) While a declaration of a public health emergency is in effect, the Chief Medical Officer of Health may do one or more of the following for the purpose of protecting the health of the population and preventing, remedying or mitigating the effects of the public health emergency:

(a) authorize qualified persons to give aid of a specified type;

(b) provide directions to environmental health officers and public health personnel in the province;

(c) establish a voluntary immunization program in the province;