

## **Editors' Association of Canada/Association canadienne des réviseurs Public Health Policy**

**Effective date: October 2021**

### **Policy Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to define responsibilities related to public health measures for in-person gatherings (e.g., meetings, events) held by the Editors' Association of Canada/Association canadienne des réviseurs.

### **Policy Statement**

It is the policy of the Editors' Association of Canada to follow applicable legislation and guidelines, and to keep people safe when they attend in-person gatherings of the association.

### **Definitions used within this policy**

While this policy and its guidelines were written in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, they can be used for any public health situation where it is important to follow government rules or guidelines to keep people safe.

In terms of this policy and the guidelines, "public health situation" is defined as a community disease outbreak. This can apply to seasonal outbreaks, pandemics or other community-wide diseases.

### **Applicability**

This policy applies to members and affiliates of the Editors' Association of Canada. It also applies to staff and to any non-members who are at in-person gatherings.

### **Responsibility**

Anyone who chairs or organizes an Editors Canada in-person gathering is responsible for administering this policy and the related guidelines. This includes gatherings as small as two people, as well as conferences with hundreds of people. It also includes gatherings of employees, as well as members, non-members and volunteers.

These are the roles of various government organizations regarding public health, in broad strokes.

- At the federal level
  - The Public Health Agency of Canada provides information and advice about national public health policy and planning.
  - Health Canada assesses and authorizes products such as vaccines, medications and medical devices (including testing devices).

- At the provincial and territorial level
  - Provincial and territorial governments are responsible for delivering and administering health care services, including mandating public health measures (mask mandates, proof of vaccination requirements and capacity limits), providing vaccinations and delivering testing systems.
  - They are also responsible for health matters related to areas under their jurisdiction, such as workplace safety (including screening programs at workplaces).
- At the municipal level
  - Municipal governments are responsible for delivering and administering health care services as set out by their provincial or territorial government. They will often have detailed descriptions of what is allowed and not allowed.

### **Contact information**

Enquiries about this policy should be directed to the national office of the Editors' Association of Canada.

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### **Authority**

This policy is issued under the authority of the members of the Editors' Association of Canada.

Substantive revisions to this policy must be ratified by a vote of the association's national executive council.

This policy will be reviewed every five years or as circumstances warrant.

### **References**

The guidelines for implementing this policy appear in the document *Public Health Guidelines*.