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Good Morning:

Thanks to IGR for quickly pulling together a summary of this morning's announcements from Horgan and Farnworth:

BC COVID-19 Action Plan Updates:

- BC has been in a provincial State of Emergency for 1 week
- There are lots of examples of people who defy orders and instruction but additional measures are necessary
- Dr. Henry's orders are the law and will be exercised

- Series of additional orders from the Minister of Public Safety and Minister Responsible for EMBC:
 - o New provincial supply chain coordination unit to coordinate delivery of essential goods and services movement
 - o EMBC request that retailers and suppliers must report on supplies of goods available
 - o Prohibiting resale of food, medical supplies/equipment and will limit quantities sold to people to eliminate hoarding of goods.
 - o Enforcement police will be able to investigate and press charges and prosecuted to full extent of the law.
 - o Enabling municipal bylaw offices to ensure compliance with Provincial health Officer's orders physical distancing, store/restaurant closures.

- Need to coordinate response provincially / all municipal states of Emergency are suspended to ensure Provincial coordination. **NB: DOES NOT apply to CoV State of Emergency as per Vancouver Charter. But Vancouver is not permitted to issue further orders without approval of Minister of Public Safety.**
 - o Do not want to see a patchwork of measures / powers across the province and want to reduce a leapfrog effect. (E.g. if one municipality announces an order, neighbouring communities may feel that they need to as well.)
 - o Ensure everyone is treated equally and fairly.

- All municipalities must report any facility or resource that may be used for COVID-19 response.

(Further details in Provincial Media Release below)

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Province takes unprecedented steps to support COVID-19 response

Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, is using extraordinary powers under a state of provincial emergency to keep British Columbians safe, maintain essential goods and services, and support the Province's ongoing response to novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

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