



Emergency Management Committee – COVID-19

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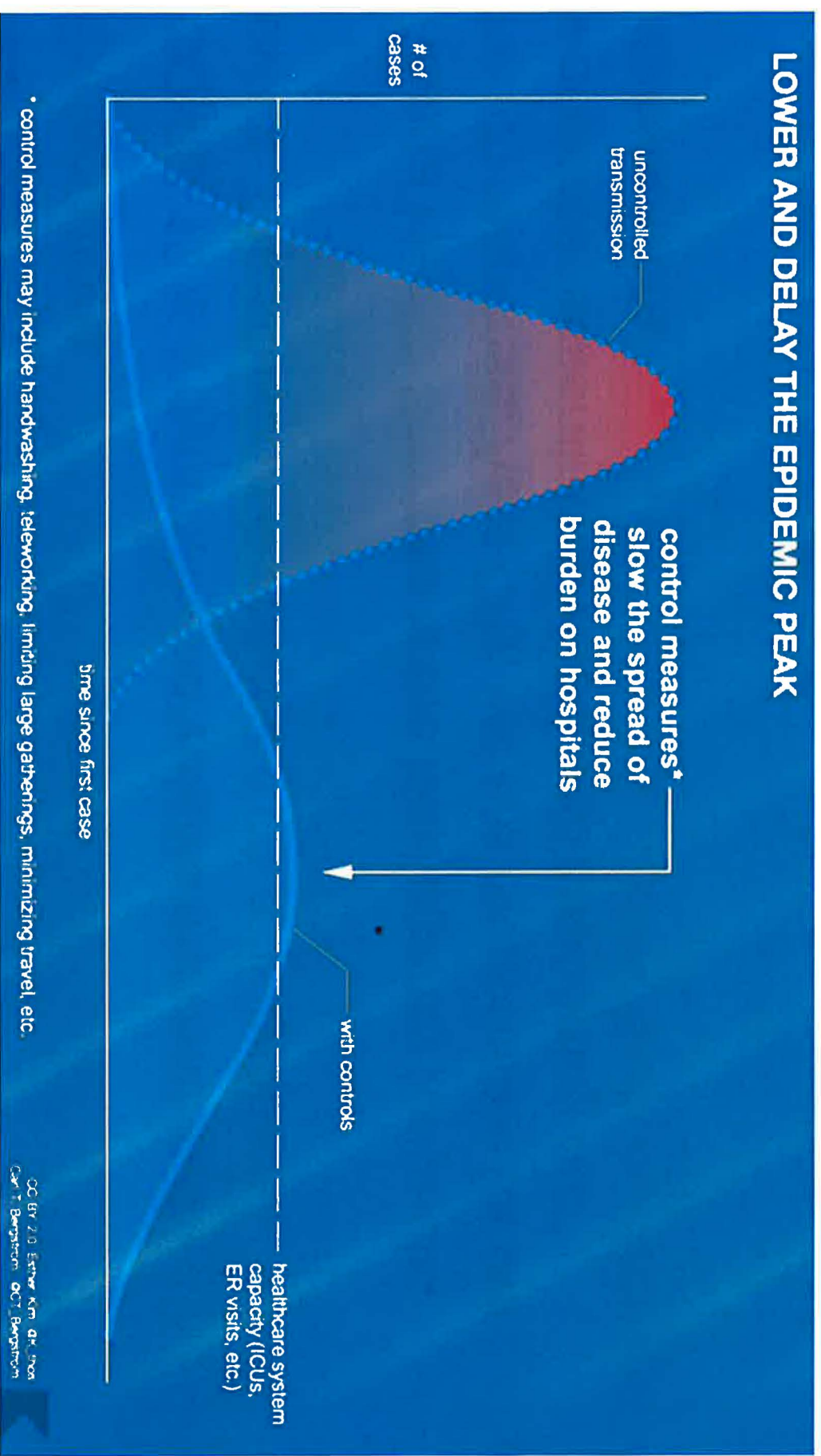


COVID-19 Engagement Session

- I. Introduction and Intent
- II. COVID-19 Outbreak Update
- III. Review of Roles and Responsibilities
 - i. International, Federal, Provincial, Municipal
- IV. City of Calgary Roles and Responsibilities
- V. Recommendations
- VI. Questions

Our Goal – “Flatten the Curve”

LOWER AND DELAY THE EPIDEMIC PEAK





Expectations

COVID-19 is a dynamic and volatile international event. The situation is changing on a daily basis.

Alberta Health Services is the lead agency for public health response. As a City, we are responsible for our workforce, essential services, and supporting our stakeholders.

Our number one priority is the safety and wellbeing of Calgarians and our City staff.



COVID-19 Update:

- Current Status:
 - 8 Cases in Calgary since March 5th, 14 total in the province.
 - All cases travel related
 - Risk to Albertans remains low (AHS).

Key Message for City Leadership

The safety and wellbeing of our Staff is our top priority.

- It is critical that we act responsibly, proactively, and collaboratively in a measured way.
- The City has an Infectious Disease Management Plan. We make decisions based upon that plan.
- We do not expect this to disappear. We are in this for the long-term.
- We are focused on mitigating the risk to the City and preparedness for our staff.

Prioritizing our Efforts

- 1) Health and Wellbeing of City Employees
- 2) Maintaining Essential Services
- 3) Supporting the Containment of COVID-19
- 4) Mitigating the Risk to Individuals



Provincial Role: Alberta Health

Alberta Health (AH)

- a) Lead and co-ordinate the provincial pandemic health planning, response, and recovery.
- b) Exercise legislative authority to protect the health of Albertans, including the declaration of a provincial public health emergency if required.
- c) Assess and communicate pandemic influenza severity and impact in Alberta.

Provincial Role: Alberta Health Services

Alberta Health (AHS)

- a) Provide continuity of health services to Albertans;
- b) Review and implement pandemic operational health service response and recover plans;
- c) Prioritize delivery of critical health services and programs during a pandemic;
- d) Collaborate with Alberta Health on matters related to policy, resource acquisition and cross-government, and in the delivery of influenza-related public and education programs.

Local: The City of Calgary

Under the Municipal Government Act (MGA), the role of the local authorities is to ensure a safe and viable community through the continuity of local government and critical services and emergency response.

Other responsibilities of local authorities include:

- a) Reviewing and implementing response plans (Municipal Emergency Plans) and business continuity programs;
- b) Maintaining the continuity of critical municipal services;
- c) Liaising with AEMA, AHS and other stakeholders to align with broader provincial response and recovery.



Infectious Disease Management: Response

Response (MEP activated)

Business Continuity Taskforce

- Implements HR policies
- Implements health and safety policies
- Confirms essential services
- Additional emergency procurement
- Service reduction decisions



Trigger: Novel virus impacting corporate workforce

Elevated Watch (current phase)

Infectious Disease Management Team

- Coordinates corporate communications
- Develops potential HR policies
- Develops potential health and safety policies
- Advises on essential services
- Monitors situation



Trigger: Novel virus of concern detected globally

Normal Business

Infectious Disease Supply Group

- Determine ID PPE requirements for corporation
- Procure and manage ID PPE stockpile

Business Continuity Coordinators

- Lay groundwork for successful continuity planning
- Catalogue essential services

Mitigation and Prevention

- Staff feeling sick should not come in to work.
- Engage in proactive hygiene practices:
 - Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
 - Avoid touching your face until you have washed your hands.
 - Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.
 - If you don't have a tissue, sneeze or cough in your sleeve.
- Practice social distancing when possible.
- Keep workspaces, vehicles, and personal items clean and disinfect regularly.
- Restrict entry of non-essential personnel to critical areas.

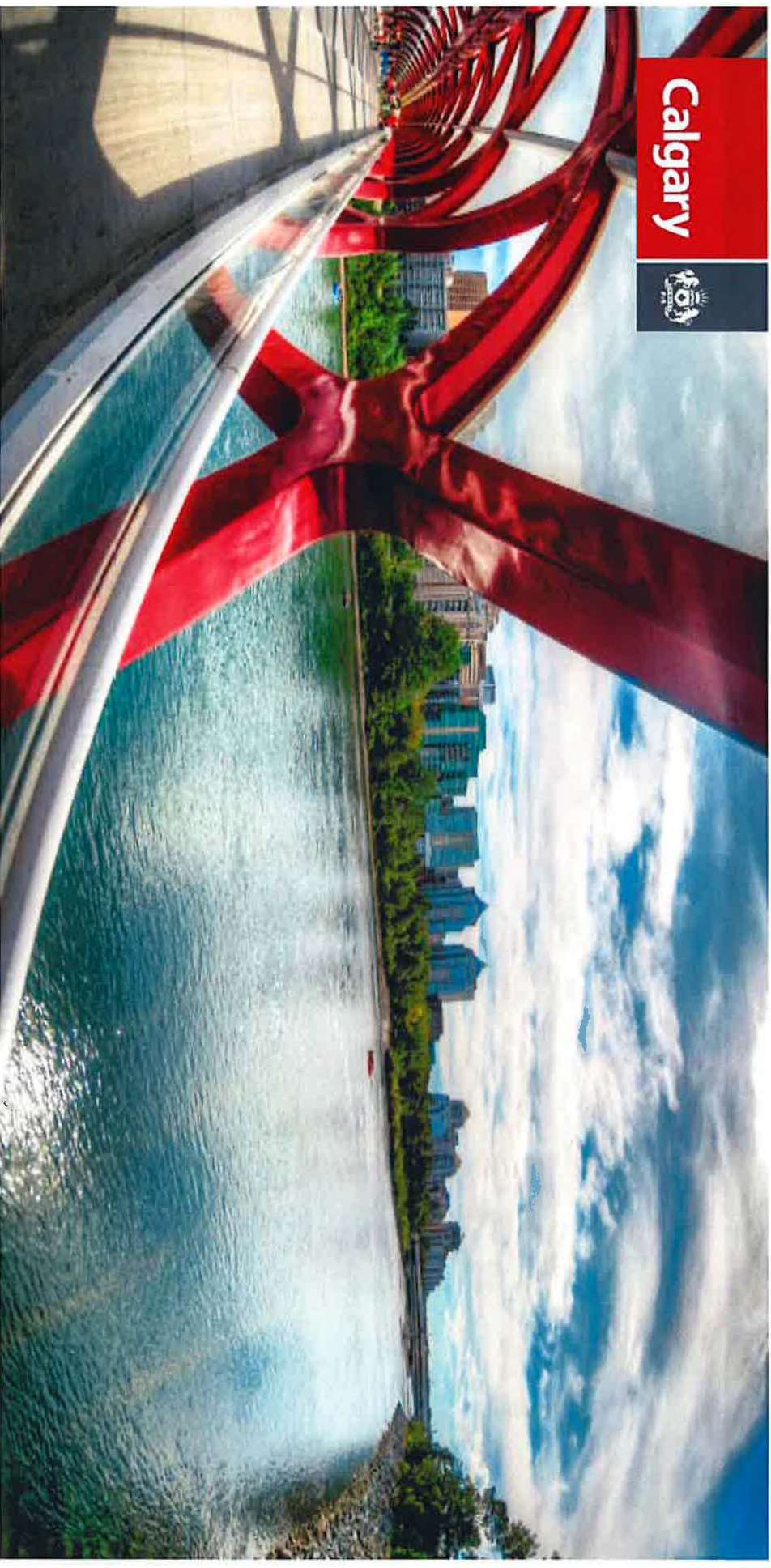


Expectations of The City of Calgary

The City will ensure continuity of essential services;

CEMA will continue to communicate regularly with agency members;

CEMA staff are also available for information or guidance.



Questions?