

Submission to the Public Order Emergency Commission

The following is a letter drafted by the Board of Directors of Vaccine Choice Canada in response to the invitation to the public to provide perspectives on the “circumstances that led to the declaration of a public order emergency and the measures taken for dealing with the declared emergency from February 14 to 23, 2022.

Highlights:

- It is our contention that the underlying issue leading to this historic and unprecedented moment is the Federal Government's failure to honour the ethical and legal responsibility to informed consent.
- This failure resulted in a cascade of other violations of Constitutionally protected rights and freedoms including the right to privacy, protest, mobility, equality, thought, opinion, religion, personal conscience, and life, liberty and security of the person.
- The Federal Government's response to COVID-19 has been to consciously and intentionally violate these rights to bodily sovereignty and informed consent, and instead, impose an unapproved, novel, untested genetic technology and other measures through the use of propaganda, coercion and extortion.
- From the very beginning, the government refused to communicate with concerned members of the medical community and Canadians questioning the mandates. The Government offered only one option for Canadians – blind obedience.
- Many Canadians who were doing their own research and paying attention to the data, were aware of the serious concerns with vaccine safety and the lack of efficacy in preventing infection and transmission. They knew that ‘the science was not being followed’; they knew that they were being lied to, deceived and coerced, all in violation of Charter and medical rights.
- The convoy to Ottawa was precipitated by the growing awareness that our government was not making evidence-based decisions and was intentionally misleading the public.

- Canadians who were aware of their rights and freedoms as stated in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms saw the invoking of the Emergency Act as a declaration of war by the Federal government against its own citizens.
- There is little argument that the Federal and provincial governments exceeded their delegated authority during the past two years. To permit this unfettered abuse of power is to risk losing the natural rights and freedoms that are the heritage of all people, and the foundation of free and just societies.
- We owe the truckers, those participating in the Freedom Convoy, and those peacefully protesting in Ottawa a debt of gratitude for their moral courage and for standing up for our rights and freedoms.

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To the Public Order Emergency Commission,

This letter is in response to the invitation to the public to provide perspectives on the “circumstances that led to the declaration of a public order emergency and the measures taken for dealing with the declared emergency from February 14 to 23, 2022.” ¹

I am writing on behalf of **Vaccine Choice Canada (VCC)**, a federally registered not-for-profit organization that is Canada’s most established advocate for informed consent as pertains to vaccination, having served this function for 40 years.

I invite your respectful consideration of this submission and related references including reports from Health Canada, the publicly funded Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC), from the British Medical Journal (BMJ), and other sources. Together the information contributes to an understanding of the events leading up to the Freedom Convoy, the peaceful protests in Ottawa, and the subsequent use of the Emergency Act by the Trudeau government.

Lack of Informed Consent

It is our contention that the underlying issue leading to this historical and unprecedented moment is the Federal Government's failure to honour the ethical and legal responsibility to informed consent. This failure resulted in a cascade of other violations of Constitutionally protected rights and freedoms including the right to privacy, protest, mobility, equality, thought, opinion, religion, personal conscience, and life, liberty and security of the person.

The right to bodily autonomy is considered fundamental in a free society and is protected by a number of Federal and international declarations and covenants including the Canadian Charter

¹ <https://publicorderemergencycommission.ca/share-your-views/>

of Rights and Freedoms, The Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights, The Nuremberg Code, and the Helsinki Declaration to which Canada is a signatory.

The Federal Government's response to COVID-19 has been to consciously and intentionally violate these rights to bodily sovereignty and informed consent, and instead, impose an unapproved, novel, untested genetic technology and other measures through the use of propaganda, coercion and extortion.

Blind Trust

Many Canadians were unwilling to accept the pronouncements of government based on blind trust. They wanted, and demanded, information pertaining to the risk/benefit analysis of the COVID-19 injections, and other imposed mandates including masking, physical distancing, and lockdowns

Tens of thousands of doctors, scientists, health care professionals, and average Canadians asked for this information as they recognized that the imposed measures violated standard pandemic response protocols. Rather than provide the evidence to support the COVID-19 measures and mandates, the government hid behind the word 'pandemic' and silenced Canadians with the declaration: 'trust us, we are following the science'.

Doctors and scientists worldwide have:

- written open letters challenging mandates and proposing alternate pandemic strategies²
- highlighted early treatment protocols used successfully in other countries to reduce COVID morbidity and mortality^{3 4}
- considered epidemiological data in relation to annual influenza-like illness, and annual mortality

However, rather than respond to these requests with transparency and evidence-based decisions, these health professionals and average Canadians were:

- labelled as spreaders of misinformation
- discredited, terminated from their place of employment
- mocked, shamed, and attacked by our Prime Minister, elected representatives, and the media
- subjected to disciplinary action by their regulatory agencies

Open debate was silenced and censored. The public was told to accept only the guidance of Canada's Chief Public Health Officers, Dr. Theresa Tam and her colleagues at the Provincial and

² <https://gbdeclaration.org/> (one of many which could be referenced)

³ <https://c19early.com/>

⁴ <https://covid19criticalcare.com/>

Territorial level, and not to listen to anyone else, irrespective of what their professional expertise or the data suggested.

On Feb. 7th, 2022, just days before the invoking of the Emergency Act, Dr. Byram Bridle, Dr. Paul Alexander, and Dr. Roger Hodkinson asked for a public discussion with Senior Health officials.⁵ Their request went unanswered.

The leaders of the Freedom Convoy repeatedly requested a meeting with Prime Minister Trudeau and those responsible for the mandates. Their requests were ignored and dismissed as the misgivings of a 'fringe minority'. All efforts at public dialogue were refused.

From the very beginning, the government refused to communicate with concerned members of the medical community and Canadians questioning the mandates. The Government offered only one option for Canadians – blind obedience.

I suggest, the refusal of the Federal government to properly engage and dialogue with the citizens of Canada, is what necessitated the need for public protest as took place in Ottawa and elsewhere. The invoking of the Emergency Act could have been avoided had the government made appropriate and reasonable efforts to listen to and engage with concerned Canadians.

The Failure of COVID Vaccines

The evidence is now well established that the COVID injections are not 'vaccines' in that they do not prevent infection or transmission. These medical devices would more accurately be described as 'medical treatments' or a potential 'personal risk mitigator'. There is no evidence that these medical products served the common good by providing 'herd immunity' or the protection of others.

The declaration often made by government officials was that by receiving these injections one was "protecting grandma" and other vulnerable Canadians. This declaration was patently false, and this falsification was widely known by February 2022. Therefore, mandating these novel and untested products upon unwilling Canadians was medically unwarranted and thus represented both legal and ethical violations.

In addition to a lack of efficacy in protecting Canadians from COVID infection or transmission, many Canadians also knew that these injections were experimental in that the vaccine manufacturers had yet to complete Phase III clinical trials. Those partaking in the injections were subjects in human drug trials.

Those who did not want to be subjects in the experimental trials were terminated from their position, or placed on unpaid leave, which was effectively termination.

⁵ <https://viralimmunologist.substack.com/p/doctors-supporting-the-freedom-convoy>

Questions and Concerns

While Health Canada was touting the efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccines, in an article posted Nov 17, 2020, CBC writes: "the mRNA vaccine is a novel technology, and no vaccines of this type have been approved for widespread human use."

In a BMJ Editorial of October 2020, Dr. Peter Doshi raised concerns regarding the trial design(s) and claims being made by the vaccine manufactures.⁶

In a subsequent BMJ article of November 2021, an investigative journalist raised concerns of Pfizer's data integrity.⁷ It is important to note that ~68% of all COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in Canada were from Pfizer-BioNTech.⁸

Furthermore, even when many European Countries suspended the use of AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine due to a heightened risk of clotting, the Federal government continued to utilize and promote its use. Health Canada finally halted the use of the product after Canadians died, or otherwise suffered a serious adverse event!^{9 10}

The failure of Health Canada and the Federal government to heed the safety warnings was apparent to many Canadians who were paying attention to the data.

Data from Health Canada

In 2020 Health Canada began producing a daily and weekly epidemiological report made available for the public. It has been widely reported that most of the deaths attributed to COVID-19 occurred in the elderly who had one (1) or more co-morbidities. Furthermore, these deaths represent <10% of annual mortality. See the appendix for supporting data.

What is not clear about these deaths, is whether a person died from or with COVID, and yet government(s) continued to claim that COVID-19 was a major concern. This led to provincial governments declaring COVID-19 a workplace hazard^{11 12} setting the stage for vaccine mandates from governmental, public, and private business, as well as within sports, recreation, the arts, and other settings where people congregate.

The problem is that vaccine outcome data collected on the Canadian population and subsequent incident rates calculated within the unvaccinated and vaccinated populations were not put into perspective. For example:

⁶ <https://www.bmj.com/content/371/bmj.m4037>

⁷ <https://www.bmj.com/content/375/bmj.n2635>

⁸ <https://health-infobase.canada.ca/covid-19/vaccine-safety/> (see Figure 2 text description)

⁹ <https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/trudeau-astrazeneca-safe-1.5950176>

¹⁰ <https://www.cbc.ca/news/health/astrazeneca-vaccine-paused-canada-blood-clot-vitt-1.6022821>

¹¹ <https://www.wsib.ca/en/injured-or-ill-people/claims/faqs-about-claims-and-covid-19>

¹² https://www.wcb.ab.ca/assets/pdfs/employers/EFS_COVID-19_at_work.pdf

Hospitalization rates during the peak in February 2022: ¹³

- Unvaccinated ~245/100,000
- Fully vaccinated: ~75/100,000
- Ratio of 3.27 (245/75 unvaccinated = 3.27 times more likely to be hospitalized with COVID-19)
- Or a difference of 170/100,000 or 0.17%!
- Alternatively: unvaccinated: 99.755% not hospitalized compared to the fully vaccinated 99.925% not hospitalized

Hence while the PHAC statements focused on the ratio of rates, the statement is misleading and does not speak to the actual level of risk for most Canadians!

Along with the data on efficacy, it is important to consider the adverse events associated with the COVID-19 vaccines. As of Feb 4th, there were 7,805 adverse events which were considered serious, and 287 reports of death, albeit pending investigation.¹⁴ The report of Sep. 2nd, 2022, shows 10,194 adverse events which were considered serious, and 370 reports of death.

Peaceful protests

In spite of the real-world data, Canadians were told that the benefits outweigh the risks and to get vaccinated for COVID-19 and remain up to date with boosters. Many Canadians phoned and wrote to Federal\Provincial Health Agencies and politicians in an attempt to get clear answers to their concerns.

The answers provided, simply repeated the narrative of the risk of COVID-19 and the solution of COVID vaccines, and that 'the science was being followed'.

Many Canadians who were doing their own research and paying attention to the data, were aware of the serious concerns with vaccine safety and the lack of efficacy in preventing infection and transmission. They knew that 'the science was not being followed'; they knew that they were being lied to, deceived and coerced, all in violation of Charter and medical rights.

Many members and supporters of VCC participated in peaceful rallies across Canada, including send-offs for the truckers joining the convoy to Ottawa and in-person attendance of the peaceful protests in Ottawa. Representatives of VCC spoke to crowds gathered at some of these locations, and witnessed peaceful assembly.

The convoy to Ottawa was precipitated in part by the mandate for truckers crossing the Canada-USA border to be vaccinated for COVID-19. It was also precipitated by the growing awareness

¹³ See attached PDF titled: Figure 6 Unvaxxed vs Vaxxed incidence May 8, and the original WEEKLY EPIDEMIOLOGY REPORT 2022-to 30-Apr formerly available at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/epidemiological-economic-research-data.html>

¹⁴ <https://health-infobase.canada.ca/covid-19/vaccine-safety/> (see archived reports)

that our government was not making evidence-based decisions and was intentionally misleading the public.

People came together in support of open dialogue, a quest for answers, and restoration of the right to bodily autonomy for all.

Impact of the Emergencies Act

The Emergency Act was invoked on February 14, 2022 without clear justification nor demonstration of meeting the criteria as outlined in sections 3, and 6. Canadians who were aware of their rights and freedoms as stated in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms saw the invoking of the Emergency Act as a declaration of war by the Federal government against its own citizens.

Many members and supporters of VCC expressed concern for their personal wellbeing after witnessing the extreme use of force by heavily armed police and military personnel in the removal of people from Parliament Hill area. They no longer felt safe from their own government.



A police officer smashes a truck window as police deploy to remove protesters in Ottawa on Feb. 19, 2022. (Dave Chan/AFP via Getty Images)

Furthermore, the freezing of personal bank accounts, without due process, of anyone thought to be a supporter of the Freedom Convoy and Ottawa protests was chilling. What became clear during February 14 – 23 is that Canada as a free, democratic and law-abiding country no longer existed.

The effects and implications of the declaration of the Emergency Act are serious and considerable.

- It appears that Canada is **no longer a functioning democracy**. Our faith and trust in the parliamentary process has been seriously eroded.

- It appears that the **Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms** is no longer the highest law of the land and has been subsumed by unsupported health orders that have severely restricted our inherent rights and freedoms.
- It appears that the legal and medical right to **informed consent** is no longer being recognized and respected.
- It appears that the **government, public health, and the government supported media** are no longer acting in the best interests of Canadians, but rather are acting to support political and corporate interests.
- It appears that our **police and military** are no longer acting to protect Canadians but rather are acting to protect political interests.
- Canada's reputation as a **progressive, liberal and free democracy has been severely tarnished**. Canada is now recognized as imposing some of the most egregious violations of human rights in the world, under the guise of COVID-measures.
- It appears Canada has **lost its sovereignty** and is being dictated to by unelected global organizations including the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Economic Forum (WEF).

Canada Is On a Precipice

I suggest that the invoking of the Emergency Act has caused catastrophic consequences for the future of Canada and for all Canadians.

We regularly hear from Canadians who express concern, despair, increased stress, and a sense of bewilderment by the actions of our Federal government. We are aware of many Canadians who, as a result of the actions of government in invoking the Emergency Act, no longer feel safe in Canada. As a consequence they have sold their homes and businesses and taken their family and assets to other countries that still uphold the rule of law and fundamental rights and freedoms. The evidence shows a significant flight of capital out of this country following the invoking of the Emergency Act.

There is little argument that the Federal and provincial governments exceeded their delegated authority during the past two years. To permit this unfettered abuse of power is to risk losing the natural rights and freedoms that are the heritage of all people, and the foundation of free and just societies.

It is our hope and prayer, that the Commission investigating the invoking of the Emergency Act, will recognize the serious and devastating consequences of such action and bring forward recommendations and hold accountable those responsible, so that this violation of Canadian rights and freedoms never happens again.

It is the duty of every Canadian to ensure that fundamental human rights and freedoms are upheld. The consequence of failing to stand up and curtail tyranny is to risk losing all that we hold precious and to condemn future generations to lives of servitude.

We owe the truckers, those participating in the Freedom Convoy, and those peacefully protesting in Ottawa a debt of gratitude for their moral courage and for standing up for our rights and freedoms.

Thank-you for considering our perspective and let me know if additional clarification is required.

Sincerely,
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Appendix

1. Covid-19 Deaths and Annual Mortality

The following table from the weekly epidemiological report with data up to February 5th, 2022¹⁵ is contrasted with the average annual mortality from Statistics Canada (grey columns).

“Table A4. Cumulative age and gender distribution of COVID-19 deaths reported to PHAC, as of 05 February 2022”

Age group	Female	Male	Total ^a	Adj. Annual	Annual Mortality	% of Annual
<5	9	1	10			
5-11	4	5	9			
12-19	4	6	10			
20-39	131	216	347	180	6,990	2.57%
40-59	789	1,294	2,083	1,079	27,752	3.89%
60-79	4,183	6,670	10,853	5,623	94,856	5.93%
80+	11,286	9,596	20,882	10,819	137,454	7.87%
Total	16,406	17,788	34,194			

^a Cases not identified as male or female were removed from the total due to small numbers.

Adjusted annual: Total deaths are over 705 days: example: $20,882/705 \times 365.25 = 10,819$

Note that the annual mortality is the average of 2014 to 2018 data downloaded in August 2019.

¹⁵ See attached PDF titled WEEKLY EPIDEMIOLOGY REPORT 2022-to 05-Feb formerly available at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/epidemiological-economic-research-data.html>

2. Distribution of Cases

Weekly report, Published April 30th 2021. Table 6. Note that in the report of May 7th, nor subsequent reports do not include a similar table.¹⁶

Published: 30 April 2021 (*see pdf copy*)

Table 6

Outbreak setting	Total number of outbreaks reported	Total number of cases reported	Total number of reported deaths	Outbreaks reported during week 16
Community	229	15,181	141	3
Corrections/shelter/congregate living	796	14,455	226	30
Food/drink/retail	756	3,013	3	11
Healthcare	850	11,134	844	19
Industrial (including agricultural) ^b	651	14,903	25	35
Long term care and retirement residences	4,643	67,806	12,541	56
Personal Care ^c	61	747	0	0
School & Childcare Centered	1,548	9,016	1	33
Other ^e	664	6,017	8	21
Total	10,198	142,272	13,789	208

Long term care and retirement residences	45.5%	47.7%	90.9%
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¹⁶ See attached PDF titled WEEKLY EPIDEMIOLOGY REPORT 2021-to-24-Apr formerly available at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/epidemiological-economic-research-data.html>

3. End note

There are many references which could be provided with respect to analysis of Covid-19 measures, and concerns with the covid-19 vaccines. While supportive of the statements herein these references are omitted in the interest of brevity.