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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION – March 28, 2022

Dr. MALTHOUSE, Stephen Craig

Denman Island, BC

1. **Nature of action:** A panel of the Inquiry Committee of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC made an interim order for extraordinary action to protect the public pursuant to section 35 of the *Health Professions Act*, RSBC 1996, c.183, pending completion of an investigation.
2. **Effective date:** March 24, 2022
3. **Name of registrant:** Dr. Stephen Craig Malthouse
4. **Location of practice:** Denman Island, BC
5. **Admission and acknowledgements:** N/A
6. **Order:** The panel made an [interim order](#) pursuant to section 35(1) of the *Health Professions Act* suspending Dr. Malthouse from practising medicine during the investigation of file IC 2022-0323.
7. **Rationale:** The panel considered evidence regarding allegations that Dr. Malthouse signed vaccine and mask exemption forms that he knew included false statements; stated medical conclusions absent any objective medical evidence, and provided diagnoses and courses of action potentially harmful to patients; and used his status as a registrant of the College to attempt to circumvent public health orders.

The panel considered the applicable legal test and, without deciding the merits of the allegations, was satisfied that there was a *prima facie* case supporting the allegations, which they considered serious.

The panel concluded there would be a real risk of harm to the public if Dr. Malthouse was permitted to continue to practise without restriction. Therefore, it determined that an interim order was necessary to protect the public during the investigation.

The panel considered what interim measures would be sufficient and proportionate in this case. Having considered the material before it, and in the absence of any response from Dr. Malthouse, the panel concluded there was a high likelihood the conduct would be repeated if no interim order was made. The panel's assessment was that restrictions on Dr. Malthouse's practice would not be sufficient to protect the public from the concerns identified in this case. The panel therefore concluded that suspension from practice was necessary to protect the public during the investigation.

8. **Important note:** Limits, conditions and suspensions ordered by the Inquiry Committee under section 35(1) of the *Health Professions Act* are made to protect the public during an investigation or pending

a hearing of the Discipline Committee. Measures taken under section 35(1) of the Act pertain to allegations which are and remain unproven unless admitted by a registrant or determined by the Discipline Committee.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia is the licensing and regulatory body for all physicians and surgeons in the province. Governed by provincial legislation, the College's role is to protect the public by establishing, monitoring and enforcing high standards of qualification and ethical practice.

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