



## BRITISH COLUMBIA

May 19, 2020

### A Message from the Attorney General

On behalf of government, and personally, I want to thank all British Columbia Lottery Corporation (BCLC) retailers for your work in these challenging times.

At the outset of this pandemic, British Columbia was one of the first provinces in Canada to order casinos to close. We supported many lottery ticket vendors in suspending their sales, and equally, the decisions of other retailers to remain open while adhering to physical-distancing and other directions from the Provincial Health Officer.

You have ensured that people within your community continue to access essential services, like food, pharmacy supplies and fuel, as well as other products available at the time of purchase, including lottery tickets.

Where BCLC services can be delivered safely to the public, and enjoyed safely by the public at home, we should continue to offer those services if we can. By offering safe and regulated gambling to British Columbians we can discourage customers from turning to black market or grey market sites that lack safeguards related to addiction and money laundering.

Revenue from BCLC's games – including lotteries – goes back to the province to support key services that we all rely on, including healthcare, education and community programs. At this time, for all British Columbians, we recognize that these vital services are more important than ever.

I recognize the efforts you and your employees are making to support your communities whose safety must remain our shared priority. Thank you for your work during unprecedented circumstances, and for serving your community with pride.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Eby', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Eby, QC  
Attorney General