



To: All Residents
From: Linda Hygard, Managing Director
cc:
Date: September 17, 2021
Re: COVID-19 Update

Alberta has once again declared a state of public health emergency. New temporary measures to reduce transmission and protect our health care system are already in effect. These actions are required due to the rising cases and hospitalizations, largely in unvaccinated Albertans.

For Independent Living Residents

Indoor Social Gatherings

- Vaccinated private social gatherings are limited to a single household (the resident) plus one other household to a maximum of 10 vaccine-eligible, vaccinated people and no restrictions on children under 12.
- Unvaccinated: Indoor social gatherings are not permitted for vaccine-eligible people who are unvaccinated.

Outdoor social gatherings are permissible with 6ft physical distancing at all times.

As such, the lounges and guest suites have been closed. The fitness center and the workshops will remain open providing only one user is in each area at one time.

Masking and physical distancing are mandatory in all indoor public spaces and workplaces. While a private residence, we encourage mask wearing and physical distancing whenever you are out of your suite.

Supportive and Assisted Living Residents

Our outbreak continues in Assisted Living. Asymptomatic prevalence testing was conducted on Sept 14th and so far, all the residents' results have been negative. However, not all the tests are completed.

There is one new staff case to report. As many of our staff have school age children, we are concerned as fully vaccinated staff are testing positive since the children have returned to school. This is already creating a few staffing issues. All required protocols are to remain in place.

While there are no changes to the CMOH orders, visitation out in the general public is quite restricted which may impact who is able to visit you. For instance, unvaccinated persons, who are eligible for vaccine, are not to participate in indoor social gatherings.

Scheduling visits will be required for residents who are in quarantine or isolation. This will help us to ensure proper instruction to each visitor. Please book with reception.

We are strongly recommending residents mask when outside their suite and physical distance for the next couple of weeks. Please do not cross the fire doors.

Please be careful when you are off site as well, practice masking and physical distancing wherever you go. The Delta variant is highly transmissible, and symptoms will develop quickly. Masking is required in all public places as well as public transit – buses and taxis.

Public Health has set a date for the 'third' dose of vaccine for residents – Sept 23.

Thank-you for your continued support and encouragement at this time. As mentioned, our staff are feeling the pressure as the outbreak continues to stretch our resources. Please be patient and kind. We are in this together and together, we will get through this.