

# Advocacy Activities 2021/22

## Events and Developments

**March 1, 2022**

Alberta lifts social gathering restrictions, the mandatory work from home order, public masking requirements, and capacity limits for large venues

**February 9, 2022**

Alberta removes the Restrictions Exemption Program and capacity limits on venues under 500 capacity

**January 11, 2022**

COVID-19 cases in Alberta hit an all-time high; CMOH Order 2-2022: residents in undesignated licensed supportive living (such as PDD group homes) are only required to undergo 5-day COVID-19 isolations

**January 3, 2022**

CMOH Order 1-2022: Critical Worker Exemption allows certain workers to be exempt from isolation requirements

**December 23, 2021**

PCR testing is restricted to those at high risk of severe outcomes or those who work in high-risk settings; other Albertans are encouraged to use at-home rapid tests

**December 16, 2021**

Plain-language version of the PDD Transformation Review report is released by CSS, with recommendations to address ongoing challenges impacting the PDD program

## ACDS Activities and Responses

**March 23, 2022**

ACDS releases 'The Perfect Storm: Workforce Challenges and Escalating Costs in Community Disability Services', detailing increases in administrative and indirect costs in the CDS sector

**March 7, 2022**

'ACDS Survey 2021: Organizational Wellness and Workforce' results are released

**February 8, 2022**

ACDS launches Project Blueprint CDS: a sector-driven initiative to develop a cohesive strategy for a skilled and sustainable CDS sector workforce

**February 3, 2022**

ACDS releases summary statistics on the CDS workforce to help organizations and staff with advocacy activities

**January 18, 2022**

ACDS confirms with AHS that PDD workers continue to have access to PCR testing

## Events and Developments

**November 24, 2021**

Children 5 to 11 years of age become eligible for vaccination

**November 1, 2021**

80% of eligible Albertans are fully vaccinated

**October 20, 2021**

CMOH Order 49-2021: supportive living and long-term care settings require masking in all indoor areas and quarantine requirements for residents returning from other health settings

**September 29, 2021**

Olds, Alberta declares September 29th 'Support Worker Appreciation Day', an initiative led by local service providers

**September 15, 2021**

A third public health emergency is announced

**July 13, 2021**

CMOH Orders 37-2021 and 38-2021: some continuing care restrictions such as visitor and recreation restrictions are lifted

**July 7, 2021**

Over 50% of eligible Albertans are fully vaccinated

**July 1, 2021**

Stage 3 of reopening: majority of COVID-19 restrictions are lifted in Alberta

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**November 4, 2021**

ACDS releases 'COVID-19 Pandemic Year 2: Stories from Summer 2021 in Alberta's Community Disability Services Sector', highlighting the continued impacts of the pandemic

**October 25 to 29, 2021**

ACDS hosts Fall Webinar Series on the theme of 'resilience'

**October 18, 2021**

ACDS is invited to weekly meetings held by Alberta Health to relay COVID-19 related issues and upcoming policy changes

**October 12 to 15, 2021**

ACDS hosts two webinars on vaccination considerations, presented by human resource and legal professionals

**October 7, 2021**

ACDS issues a statement encouraging vaccination in community disability services

**September 29, 2021**

PDD Transformation Steering Committee, which includes ACDS CEO, presents its recommendations to Minister Luan

**September 23, 2021**

Regular SPPC meetings resume after pausing for the summer

**August 3, 2021**

ACDS CEO and Board Chair meet with Alberta's new CSS Minister, Jason Luan, to discuss future work in the CDS sector

## Events and Developments

**June 22, 2021**

Eligibility for the Critical Worker Benefit is expanded to all community disability workers

**June 18, 2021**

All Albertans become eligible for second doses

**June 10, 2021**

Stage 2 of reopening: outdoor gatherings allowed for up to 20, indoor recreation opens at 1/3 capacity, indoor dining is reopened, and work from home order is lifted

**June 1, 2021**

Stage 1 of reopening: outdoor gatherings allowed for up to 10 people, outdoor patio dining resumes, and indoor retail capacity increases to 15 percent

**May 21, 2021**

CMOH Order 26-2021: establishes isolation and quarantine requirements for people who are fully or partially vaccinated

**May 10, 2021**

All Albertans 30+ are eligible for vaccination

**May 4, 2021**

Schools are moved online, outdoor gatherings are limited to 5 people, and personal care services are closed

**April 30, 2021**

All frontline disability workers become eligible for vaccination

**April 6, 2021**

Alberta returns to Step 1 restrictions following rising COVID-19 cases

## ACDS Activities and Responses

**June 23, 2021**

ACDS holds its Annual General Meeting, featuring CSS Deputy Minister Cynthia Farmer as a guest speaker

**May 27, 2021**

ACDS Chair participates in ADWA panel discussion on the future of the CDS sector workforce

**May 25, 2021**

ACDS Board hosts virtual meet-and-greet for new CEOs

**May 21, 2021**

ACDS submits research brief to CSS and AHS on the impact of SLALA regulations on PDD group homes

**May 6, 2021**

ACDS meets with CSS and AHS to discuss Bill 70 and the need to ensure consistency across licensed and non-licensed facilities

**May 4, 2021**

ACDS participates in a cross-provincial session on mental health to contribute issues from the CDS sector

**April 12 and 14, 2021**

ACDS hosts two webinars on the science behind vaccinations, led by volunteer experts from COVID-19 Resources Canada