

March 24, 2020

Dear Disability Service Providers:

As you may be aware, on March 20, 2020, the Chief Medical Officer of Health signed the attached Record of Decision – CMOH Order 03-2020 regarding COVID-19 and long-term care and supportive living facilities. This order requires facilities identified to put measures in place that limit and track the number of essential visitors to long-term care and supportive living sites and essentially limits each resident to a single visitor. The attached guidance document related to the directive provides some context and was issued on March 22nd.

Community and Social Services (CSS) wants to be clear that this order applies to all homes and sites licensed under the *Supportive Living and Accommodation Licensing Act* (SLALA) including disability services group homes with four (4) or more people. Therefore, the group homes that you manage with four (4) or more residents are legally required to follow this public health order. Also, and based on your organization's particular circumstances, you may want to also consider extending these measures to your smaller sites.

Community and Social Services continues to work closely with the department of Health on issues that impact CSS programs and services and we are working with ACDS and the PDD Service Provider Partnership Committee to stay informed about the impact COVID-19 is having on disability service providers. Please raise any concerns you have in relation to COVID-19 with ACDS and we will address these at our weekly COVID-19 teleconference.

We are also aware some service providers are having difficulty obtaining personal protective equipment (PPE). Please email Alberta Health at PESSECC-LOGISTICS@gov.ab.ca to advise them of PPE concerns.

We continue to ask all service providers to track COVID-19 related costs. If you have questions about your contract or funding, please contact your regional Community and Social Services contract manager.

We value your continued cooperation in the efforts to contain COVID-19 and thank you for your commitment to Albertans. Please continue to go to www.alberta.ca/COVID19 for the most up to date information about COVID-19.

Sincerely,

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