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Dear Elves’ Families, Caregivers, and Staff

Many Albertans are encouraged by the lessening of restrictions to some services and supports in our communities. <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-relaunch-strategy.aspx>. As the weather stabilizes there is advice being offered for those who are venturing outdoors at the Government of Alberta website also offers guidelines for outdoor events. For those who are engaging with others more frequently, the COVID-19 Self-Assessment <https://myhealth.alberta.ca/Journey/COVID-19/Pages/Assessment.aspx> remains a critical tool towards the early identification and prevention of the spread of COVID-19. Recently, the self-assessment has been modified to include additional parameters for consideration:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • runny nose • chills • painful swallowing • stuffy nose • headache • muscle or joint ache 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • feeling unwell, fatigue or severe exhaustion • nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or unexplained loss of appetite • loss of sense of smell or taste • conjunctivitis (pink eye)
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As we move forward in relaunch strategy, the Elves community continues to plan to offer modified supports in association with the Elves Adult Program operations. This week, the Adult Program team trained some key personnel in the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and there have been some families, who are indicating that they wish to have service within their homes. In order to offer these supports, Elves will be obligated to follow Orders as established by the Chief Medical Officer and guidelines presented by Albert Health Services. More information related to safe practices and access to resources can be found on the Alberta Council of Disability Services (ACDS) website at the following link https://acds.ca/resources/pandemic_planning_resources/weekly-css-q-a.html

Once all safety and training measures are in place Elves will work towards Summer Program services. If approved, Elves also looks towards offering a smaller number of children through Summer Program supports, as the province engages in the relaunch process.

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Schools will remain closed for the remainder of the year. For families associated with the educational programs, we encourage you to continue to work with your child's teacher and the therapy team members. Therapist will be pleased to offer you with ideas and resources, as well as strategies to support intervention. We have included the contact numbers for key Elves personnel at the end of this newsletter.

Alberta Government/Federal Government Information:

- The most current updates from the Alberta Government, including a daily announcement from the Chief Medical Officer, can be found at:
<https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx>
- There are improvements made on a weekly basis to enable those not able to work, to receive some financial resources from the Federal Government. To link with the portal or read questions or answers, please go to:
<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/ceib-application/questions.html>

Contact Elves

We hear if you need support. All questions can be forwarded to the program that is serving your child.

School Program at execassistant@elves-society.com

Adult Program at adultprogram@elves-society.com

Respite Program at respite@elves-society.com

The role of the caregiver in family home homes has become even more poignant during this period of time. We wish to celebrate **all caregivers** on this Mother's Day weekend.

Warmest wishes



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Kiera Peyton , Special Education Supports & Learning Coach (M-F)	ext. 205
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Vivian Ross , Family Support Worker (Wed)	ext. 231
Joanne Dam , Family Support Worker (Tues-Sat)	ext. 230
Rosathya Ros , Family Support Worker (M-F)	ext. 236
Patricia Moyer , Speech Language Pathologist (Tu/Th).....	ext. 228
Lonneke de Groot , Speech Language Pathologist (M-F).....	ext. 228
Sally Habashy , Occupational Therapist (M-F).....	ext. 210
Wilna Boshoff , Physical Therapist (Thur).....	ext. 210
Holly Thompson , Physical Therapist (Tues).....	ext. 210
Tara Vanstone , OT/PT Assistant (M-F)	ext. 224
Rachel Grenis , SLP Assistant (Tu/Th).....	ext. 210
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Janice Wong , SLP Assistant (M-F).....	ext. 210
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Please ask for Patricia Moyer or Sally Habashy if you wish to speak to a therapist.....	780.454.5310
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Shauna Williamson , Adult Program Staff Training/Volunteer Coordinator (M-F)	ext. 239
Connie Daynes , Adult Program Activities Coordinator/Behavioural Consultant	ext. 202
Angela Vardy , Family Support Worker for School Program (M/W/F).....	ext. 212
Kathy Anino , Occupational Therapist for School Program (Tu/W/Th).....	ext. 219
Samantha Treloar , Occupational Therapist for School Program (M-F).....	ext. 219
Wilna Boshoff , Physical Therapist for School Program (Tu/W/Th).....	ext. 211
Holly Thompson , Physical Therapist for School Program (Tu/W/Th).....	ext. 211
Cheryl Assenheimer , Physical Therapist for School Program (Tu/W/Th).....	ext. 211
Leslie Quapp , OT/PT Assistant for School Program (M-F).....	ext. 211
Stefanie Gallace , OT/PT Assistant for School Program (M-F).....	ext. 219
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