

ELVES SPECIAL NEEDS SOCIETY Administrative Offices

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Dear Elves' Families, Caregivers, and Staff

Elves continue to prepare to offer services in a modified fashion. In order to support the relaunch of services to Elves' Adult Program, Elves continues to meet with our PDD contract specialist. We were hoping to begin in-home services, but will need to wait for final pieces of personal protective equipment (PPE) prior to this implementation. There will be a Town Hall invitation extended to Elves' families for Tuesday, May 19, 2020 from 9:30 am to 10:30 am via google meets. The Adult Program Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Meeting link is https://meet.google.com/wcf-zdvd-bre. Elves will also send a meeting request and instructions via email.

While School Program families are encouraged to speak with their child's teacher, School Administrator, and resource team, Alberta Education has also instituted a help line and email for parents of students, particularly those with disabilities, during COVID-19 and athome learning. There have been some recent announcements made to advise and/or assist families who are supporting their children as they learn from home.

Alberta Education has implemented a Parent Help Line that will be answered Monday through Friday from 8:15 am - 4:30 pm. The phone number is 780.422.6548 (toll-free by first dialing 310-0000, followed by the 10-digit phone number) or via email at: studentsupport@gov.ab.ca.

There are also some digital resources found in English and French that can augment your child's learning in areas of language/literacy, math, science, social studies, and health and wellness of preschool and Grades One to Four children which can be found at https://www.tvokids.com/.

We continue to encourage all families and caregivers to access Elves' Therapy Resources Website at https://sites.google.com/ualberta.ca/elvestherapyresources/home and Adult Program website at https://sites.google.com/elves-society.org/elvesathome/home. Feel free to refer others to the resources, as these sites are not limited to Elves' children, youth and adults.

Email: room9@elves-society.com

Alberta Health Services has notified Elves' School Program that regularly scheduled immunizations will be delayed for an unspecified period of time. We have included the notification for your reference.

Organizations have also received a communication from the Minister of Community and Social Services. That communication has been included with this weekly newsletter for your reference.

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/cerb-application/questions.html

Contact Elves

We are here 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

Warmest wishes

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Joanne Dam, Family Support Worker (Tues-Sat)	ext. 230
Rosathya Ros, Family Support Worker (M-F)	ext. 236
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ELVES SATELLITE CLASSROOM (Room 9 - 14205 – 109 Avenue)	780.484.3078
Please ask for Patricia Moyer or Sally Habashy if you wish to speak to a therapist	780.454.5310
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