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**Dear Elves' Families, Caregivers, and Staff:**

We cannot believe that it is July is here. We hope that everyone had a lovely Canada Day.

The School Program operations ended on June 30, 2020 with end of year activities celebrating the year, while also extending our farewells to long-term employees Eva Glover, Germaine McKinnon, and Vivian Ross as they prepare for their well-deserved retirements. Congratulations!

### **Elves Summer Program**

The Elves team is preparing for the start of the Summer Program. Staff completed training and set-up on July 02 and July 03. The Program is modified this year and will serve 11 children from the period of July 06, 2020 to July 17, 2020, with enhanced cleaning and disinfection regimes.

### **Elves FASD Respite Program**

FASD Respite Program services have concluded for this year. Families who wish to be considered for services beginning September 2020 should contact Raelee Grier at 780-453-5310. Families may also email Raelee at [respite@elves-society.com](mailto:respite@elves-society.com) or Rosaytha (Family Support Worker) at [sw3@elves-society.com](mailto:sw3@elves-society.com).

### **Elves Adult Program**

The Adult Program continues to serve clients through digital, in-home, and site-based services. We are anticipating opening the Program to serve more clients at Elves. Staff continue to use personal protective equipment and there is an enhanced cleaning and disinfection regime in place, in addition to the distancing and meal-related restrictions.

### **Other Alberta Government/Federal Government Information:**

- In the July 02, 2020 press conference with Dr. Hinshaw, she cited a resource intended to assist individuals with special needs:

<https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=72739AF98E54E-9614-FFC0-6DA1277F193213D1>

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- The Rehabilitation Advice Line is a telephone service (1-833-379-0563), which provides free rehabilitation advice and general health information for Albertans over 18 years of age. This information may include:
  - Activities and exercises that help with physical concerns
  - Strategies to manage the day-to-day activities affected by these concerns
  - Rehabilitation services that are open for in-person and/or virtual visits
  - Community-based organizations

The Rehabilitation Advice Line can be found at:

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/findhealth/Service.aspx?id=1080775&serviceAtFacilityID=1126573>

- As families with school aged children enter into the month of July and August, you may wish to seek additional supports for health and well-being. The Government of Canada has numerous resources that can be access for ideas for recreational or health related supports.  
<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/resources-parents-children.html>
- Alberta Health Services COVID-19 Self-Assessments are available for those persons who are asymptomatic. To schedule a time for a drive-through assessment, please complete the Self-Assessment Questions to complete to forms and schedule a time. The updated assessment site can be found at: <https://myhealth.alberta.ca/Journey/COVID-19/Pages/COVID-Self-Assessment.aspx> or by calling Health Link at 811.

### **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](mailto:execassistant@elves-society.com)

**Adult Program** at [adultprogram@elves-society.com](mailto:adultprogram@elves-society.com)

**Respite Program** at [respite@elves-society.com](mailto:respite@elves-society.com)

Warmest wishes,



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