

ELVES SPECIAL NEEDS SOCIETY Administrative Offices

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Dear Elves' Families, Caregivers, and Staff:

Elves Summer Program

Summer Program has coming to a conclusion and we would like to thank the families who drove their children to the Program. Children have been very happy to be attending the Program daily and it has been a pleasure to have children on-site. This was a unique year as staff had to undertake advanced protective measures including the management of materials and resources as well as adjusting to the personal protective equipment. Thank you to all who have supported a safe and engaging summer for the children!

Elves Adult Program

Elves conducted a Town Hall for Adult Program families to address the next stage of service delivery to clients and their families. There will be the option for more clients to attend the Program or for those attending to be on-site more frequently. During the presentation we addressed the protective measures that are in place at Elves. The power point and questions and answers will be sent home to families.

During our Town Hall, there was a question about visitation policies with residential settings. We have included a link to the most recent update from the Chief Medical Officer of Health (July 16, 2020). Within the update there is some reference to the safe access in residential settings. You can find the transcript of this conversation within the following link: https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7283981C9A969-ED23-73E6-2771BABF111AAC42

To assist families in understanding the planning and risk management considerations when offering services to our clients, Elves has also included a link to the ACDS Planning Tool found at:

https://acds.ca/files/Resources/pandemic_planning/ACDS%20Day%20Program%20Guidance%20Jun%2010%202020.pdf.

We have also attached CMOH Order 23-2020, which offers guidance in the management of residential environments and amends CMOH Order 10-2020.

Other Alberta Government/Federal Government Information:

- Since July 13, 2020, masks will be distributed to Albertans through A& W, McDonald's and Tim Hortons restaurants. If you requiring masks, you can also contact 211 or one to the groups that has been contracted to support the Masks for Albertans program:
 https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/covid19-mask-community-distribution-list.pdf
- Alberta Health Services COVID-19 Self-Assessments continue to available for those
 persons who are concerned about being impacted by COVID-19 or who may wish to be
 tested as precautionary measure. To schedule a time for a drive-through assessment,
 please complete the Self-Assessment Questionnaire 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 <u>execassistant@elves-society.com</u>
Adult Program at <u>adultprogram@elves-society.com</u>
Respite Program at <u>respite@elves-society.com</u>

Warmest wishes,

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