

Information Bulletin #16 - June 29, 2021

About Coronavirus (COVID-19)

For friends and family of GEF Seniors Housing tenants and residents

What's new

- The Alberta government has announced it is lifting all remaining COVID-19 public health restrictions as of **July 1, 2021**, including the general indoor provincial mask mandate and a ban on indoor social gatherings, with the exception of licensed supportive living (includes lodges), long-term care and hospice settings.
- This means that, when you visit a GEF lodge or combined site, you are still required to complete a health screening **questionnaire and wear a mask** when inside the building.
- All residents still need to complete the **Resident Daily Screening** form to attest that they are well. We are reminding all residents, tenants and GEF staff to continue to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19, like cough, fever, shortness of breath, sore throat or runny nose.
- Although it is not required, residents may want to consider wearing a mask when they are outside of their unit. Masks are still required for “high-risk” activities like singing. All GEF staff, visitors, volunteers and service providers will need to **continue wearing masks** in the lodges.
- **Hair salons** are allowed to provide their full menu of services, with limitations to the number of persons allowed at any point in time.
- **Personal care services**, such as foot care, can continue in the resident’s unit.
- We ask that everyone continue to perform **regular hand hygiene** by washing their hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds at a time, and using hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available.
- We are **not yet able** to return to offering self-serve beverages and snacks between meals. We continue to encourage all residents to ask the kitchen/dining staff if they want a beverage or snack, and they will be happy to serve.

If you have any questions, please contact the site office.

Handy reference links

GEF Community Support: 780-733-7690; communitysupport@gef.org

Edmonton Community Resources: <https://www.ab.211.ca/>

Alberta Health Services Mental Health Helpline: **1-877-303-2642**

