

# Information Bulletin #18 - Dec. 17, 2021 About Coronavirus (COVID-19)



## For Family and Friends of GEF Seniors Housing lodge residents

With the holiday season now here, we wanted to take the opportunity to reconnect with you and provide an update on how GEF Seniors Housing is managing the COVID-19 pandemic in our lodges and combined sites.

Thank you for your support and cooperation over the past year, despite many changes with new public health orders and restrictions. We hope you have felt informed and supported in return.

However you choose to mark the holiday season, we wish you peace and joy, and the very best of health and happiness for the new year.

We also remind you that if you have any questions or feedback at any time, you are encouraged to contact your site office staff. You may also submit your questions or feedback online at any time through the Feedback link at the top of the GEF Seniors Housing website home page. Your opinion matters, and your feedback is essential to helping GEF achieve our vision of positively influencing seniors' quality of life.

### What's new

- Earlier this week, the Alberta government announced a relaxation of the restrictions on indoor gatherings in private homes.
- These restrictions do not apply to GEF lodge and combined lodge/apartment sites, since these buildings are governed by the orders of Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH).

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The restrictions in our lodges and combined lodge/apartment sites have not changed, so the following information is provided as a friendly reminder:

- All visitors entering a lodge or combined lodge/apartment site must be actively screened. This means they must complete the Alberta Health Daily Checklist and their details must be confirmed by the screener or GEF staff member upon entry.
- All visitors must wear a mask continuously while anywhere in the building, including the lodge resident's unit. Note that visitors meeting with tenants in our combined sites need to wear a mask continuously while anywhere in the building, but not in the tenant's unit, unless requested by the tenant.

We ask that non-vaccinated or partially-vaccinated visitors who want to visit a lodge resident consider not visiting in person, due to the significantly higher risk of transmitting COVID-19 to others living and working in the lodge.

Please continue to wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds at a time, and use hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available.

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

### **Handy reference links**

GEF Community Support: 780-733-7690; [communitysupport@gef.org](mailto:communitysupport@gef.org)

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

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