

April 3, 2020

Dear Disability Service Providers:

Today, the Chief Medical Officer of Health signed the attached Record of Decision – CMOH Order 08-2020 regarding COVID-19 and for licensed supportive living, long-term care and licensed residential addiction treatment service providers licensed under the MHSPA.

Community and Social Services (CSS) wants to be clear that this order applies to all homes and sites licensed under the *Supportive Living and Accommodation Licensing Act* (SLALA) including disability services group homes with four (4) or more people. Therefore, the group homes that you manage with four (4) or more residents are legally required to follow this public health order.

**This order provides an overview of what constitutes as suspected, probable or confirmed COVID-19 outbreak.** The order provides guidance on operator requirements under each, including requirements for communication with residents, families and staff. Please note that some of these requirements are to be actioned immediately - such as informing staff that disclosures of any COVID-19 symptoms are mandatory and cannot be used as the sole reason to dismiss staff. Others include requirements around dining, group activities and others. We urge you to read the order carefully and consider your readiness to implement the requirements in the event of a suspected, probable and/or confirmed case of COVID-19. Based on your organization's particular circumstances, you may want to also consider extending these measures to your smaller sites.

Community and Social Services continues to work closely with the department of Health on issues that impact CSS programs and services and we are working with ACDS and the PDD Service Provider Partnership Committee to stay informed about the impact COVID-19 is having on disability service providers. Please raise any concerns you have in relation to COVID-19 with ACDS and we will address these at our weekly COVID-19 teleconference. If you have an urgent concern please connect with your Regional Executive Director.

Again, please contact Alberta Health if you are having difficulty obtaining personal protective equipment (PPE) by email at [PESSECCLOGISTICS@gov.ab.ca](mailto:PESSECCLOGISTICS@gov.ab.ca) to advise them of PPE concerns.

Finally, please continue to track COVID-19 related costs, and if you have questions about your contract or funding, please contact your regional Community and Social Services contract manager.

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