

Date: December 31, 2021

TO: ALL Staff, Persons Accessing Service, Family Members and Guardians

FR: CHRYSALIS LEADERSHIP

RE: **COVID-19 update**



COVID-19 cases continue to climb in our province, with an estimated 4000 additional new cases reported in the last 24 hours. Our positivity rate is now at 30%, nearly a 10% increase from the previous day. Chrysalis has had an additional three cases since our last update, however, all three positive cases were not in any of the Chrysalis facilities (i.e. no close contacts identified).

Chrysalis continues to be an essential service and will remain open and accessible for people in service. We do want to remind everyone that we offer our programs and services through our virtual supports' and mobile supports streams, as well as in-facility. We are encouraging anyone who is not comfortable receiving in person support to access our virtual programming (see schedules attached).

Enhanced Virtual Supports - The digital world offers us all a safe and interactive way to inform, educate, develop life skills and socialize with each other. Through various online media sources (google meets, facetime, zoom, etc.), Chrysalis continues to offer quality supports' and services. Our virtual stream offers great learning opportunities that use formal and informal modules for life skill development, connection to others through video resources as well as a multitude of activities for fun. We have laptops/chromebooks available if technology is a barrier. We are also able to provide training over the phone or in person (from a safe distance) for anyone that wishes to access virtual but do not have the tools to do so.

Enhanced Mobile Supports - Chrysalis staff can provide services directly at your home while still following all AB Health and government mandated orders. This allows for important social interactions and will be personalized to meet people accessing service needs. Whether it's in-home support or quality-time outside to have some hot cocoa from a distance, go for a walk, support with your grocery orders, or something else, then please contact us to see what we can do for you at home. Our staff are very well equipped with the proper PPE to ensure safe support practices. As mentioned these services can be adjusted or created based on individual needs.

We continue to strongly encourage everyone to get vaccinated, including the booster dose. All Albertans 5+ can get the COVID-19 vaccine. Everyone 18+ can get a booster dose 5 months after the second dose.

There are 3 ways to book a vaccination appointment:

- Online through AHS
- Through a local Pharmacy
- By calling 811

Please continue to do your part and practice physical distancing, mask up and continue to follow all government guidelines. They can be found [here](#). As a reminder, we want to reiterate the additional health measures that have been put in place at Chrysalis and ask that you all continue to adhere to these practices:



Announcement

Mandatory work from home order (WFH): unless physical presence is required in the facility for operations (i.e. direct support positions, limited corporate services positions where necessary), employees are required to work from home.

Indoor social gatherings: indoor social gatherings are not permitted. For Chrysalis, it means that lunchrooms are closed to gatherings and that any social event outside of necessary programming will need to be postponed until further notice. Virtual events are encouraged.

Masking and Physical Distancing: masking and physical distancing continue to be required in all environments, except when working alone. The only exception to physical distancing is in certain circumstances when this is not possible or will cause disruption to operations. Exceptions to the use of masks or face shields include the inability of a person receiving services to adhere or a medical exemption. For staff with a medical exemption to masking, a physician's note must be provided. All exceptions require the approval of the Vice President of Programs and Services.

Meetings: all in-person meetings are to be moved to virtual meetings, unless essential for conducting business.

Vaccinations

All Chrysalis visitors are required to show either proof of vaccination, a recent negative COVID-19 test (within 72 hours), or a valid medical exemption letter before entering our facilities. This includes any person entering the facility who is not a Chrysalis employee or person in service (i.e. DATS/Access drivers, vendors, family members, contractors). If you have a scheduled in-person meeting with a visitor (i.e. contractor), please ensure you notify them of this information in advance.

Persons Accessing Chrysalis Services continue to be strongly encouraged to get vaccinated. We ask that all vaccinated persons accessing Chrysalis services provide proof of their vaccination, if they haven't yet done so.

We are only requesting visual proof of the vaccine (i.e. an image from your phone, a printed copy). We will not be requesting or retaining copies.

- Proof of vaccination can be presented at the health screen desks as you enter the Chrysalis facility.
- For people that are not currently accessing in-facility/in-person support, we ask that you email our office administrator directly, stating the person in service's full name and indicating if they are partially or fully vaccinated.
 - Email: info@chrysalis.ca

We appreciate everyone's continued efforts to ensure the health and safety of all of our team members and those we serve. If you have any questions, please email us at info@chrysalis.ca. We are wishing you all a Happy New Year.

Thank You,
Chrysalis Leadership