

Date: February 9, 2022

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

FR: CHRYSALIS LEADERSHIP

RE: COVID-19 update



Yesterday our government announced a 3 step plan for easing all public health measures. **Step 1**, which came into effect at midnight, involves the removal of the restrictions exemption program and removing capacity limits for smaller venues. Beginning Monday, February 14th, masking requirements for children under the age of 12 will also be lifted. The province will enter step 2 on March 1, if hospitalizations trend downwards. **Step 2** involves lifting the mandatory work from home orders, removing capacity limits for indoor and outdoor gatherings, and removing masking requirements. The timing of **Step 3** will be determined by hospitalization rates. Mandatory isolation periods will be changed to a recommendation only in step 3. For further details on the phased approach for lifting restrictions, please click [here](#).

What this means for Chrysalis:

Our number one priority continues to be the health and safety of the people we support and our workforce. We have and will continue to follow our government and health orders. The current restrictions at Chrysalis will remain in place for the rest of the month (masking, physical distancing, and work from home).

Over the next two weeks, we will be gathering information to determine what the best course of action is for Chrysalis as it relates to relaxing practices with masking, physical distancing, and other restrictions which are planned to be lifted in the province on March 1, 2022. During this time we will be closely monitoring infection rates and trends in the province, municipalities' positions, reviewing medical advice, consulting with sector partners, and reaching out to staff, people in service and families/networks to hear your perspective. Further communication will be coming prior to March 1 on Chrysalis' policy position on the easing of restrictions and the steps we are taking.

COVID-19 cases at Chrysalis:

We have had one confirmed positive case at our Edmonton location since our last update on January 25th. No close contacts were identified. We have had a number of staff members and persons accessing service off symptomatic, who remained at home for the isolation period and until symptoms resolved.

Vaccinations:

Chrysalis continues 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:



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

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

Please continue to do your part and practice physical distancing, mask up and continue to follow all government guidelines. They can be found [here](#).

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.

Thank You,
Chrysalis Leadership