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Memorandum

Date: July 29, 2021

From: Evan Romanow Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Service Delivery, Alberta Health

To: All Licensed Supportive Living, Long-term Care and Hospice Operators

Subject: Public Health Changes Announced on July 28, 2021

I am writing today to ensure you are aware that despite the <u>changes announced</u> yesterday, the two continuing care orders (<u>Order 37-2021</u> and <u>Order 38-2021</u>) remain in effect.

Quarantine for partially vaccinated and unvaccinated residents who were exposed to COVID-19, or have come from a health setting that is on outbreak will continue to be required in these settings. Fully vaccinated residents are not required to quarantine. Medical Officers of Health continue to play a key role in identifying the necessary measures should a site have a confirmed case of COVID-19.

Masking and health screening requirements are unchanged and expectations for staff, visitor and service provider masking and screening at entry outlined in Order 37-2021 remain in effect.

These Operational and Outbreak Standards reflect the high-impact protections against COVID-19, which at this time are still necessary for these settings. These standards will be reassessed in Fall 2021.

I would also ask you to note the <u>COVID-19 Screening Tool</u> has been updated to reflect the changes made today for quarantine. Please ensure you are using the most recent version. As a reminder, residents are not required to be routinely screened at entry to their own site.

I want to extend my appreciation for your dedication and efforts to adjust your operations as our public health response evolves and we move from a pandemic to endemic

Evan Romanow

cc: Trish Merrithew-Mercredi, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Health and Compliance, Alberta Health