COVID-19 Restrictions
Licensed supportive living, long-term care and hospice
OPERATORS AND STAFF

Lifting restrictions

- As of July 13, 2021, Alberta is moving into Phase 1 of a staged approach for lifting COVID-19 restrictions in licensed supportive living, long-term care and hospice settings.
- Some measures will be lifted first, followed by others at a later date.

Impact of changes

- Aside from a handful of preventative restrictions being maintained for the time being, activities and processes on site will resume pre-pandemic status.

Timing of lifting restrictions

- Since December 2020, there has been more than a 99 per cent reduction in the number of active COVID cases in these settings.
- The benefit of removing restrictions outweighs the impact of maintaining them.
- Vaccinations have provided significant protection for residents and staff in these settings.
- The best protection is to get fully vaccinated.

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Remaining restrictions
Until further notice, the following restrictions remain in place:
- Health Assessment Screening and continuous masking for staff, volunteers and service providers.
- Visiting persons are required to continuously mask while in common areas and be screened upon entry.
- Twice daily high-touch cleaning requirements in common areas.
- Select quarantine/isolation requirements
- Outbreak expectations

Rule setting

- Within the bounds of existing legislative requirements, operators may review pre-pandemic processes and/or house rules.
- Operators are expected to work with residents and families in the decision making process.
- Operators must have concerns and complaints processes in place and must support the formation and activity of Resident and Family Council for active inclusion of resident/family voice in operating decisions.

COVID-19 outbreaks

COVID-19 outbreaks may still happen and operators will still be expected to adhere to strict outbreak protocols.
Visiting and Vaccines
- Unvaccinated visiting persons (including children under 12) are strongly encouraged to wear a mask in resident room/private areas (as well as in common areas, like all others), especially in high acuity settings.

Audits and inspections
- Alberta Health and Alberta Health Services will continue inspect/audit operators against CMOH Order and legislative requirements.

Additional information
- If an operator has questions not resolved by a relevant partner, they may email ASAL@gov.ab.ca.

Where can I find existing requirements for measures no longer in CMOH Orders?

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