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**Update Regarding Vaccination Protocols taken from AHS website:**

People that are vaccinated need to ensure they understand the same protocols are still followed:

New vaccines against COVID-19 have been developed and approved for use in certain population groups. For more information refer to COVID-19 Vaccines and the Alberta Health website on Vaccine Distribution.

While the vaccines being delivered have shown very high efficacy in clinical trials, to prevent symptomatic infection, vaccine effectiveness will need to be evaluated in real life as immunization programs become established.

In addition, currently there is insufficient evidence on the duration of protection of COVID-19 vaccines and their effectiveness in preventing asymptomatic infection and reducing transmission of SARS-CoV-2.

**Therefore the following apply:**

- People immunized against COVID-19 must adhere to all public health measures to minimize transmission, including staying home when sick, wearing a mask, physical distancing, practicing proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.
- Immunized Health Care Workers/Disability Service Workers are still required to adhere to existing PPE guidance. Refer to AHS Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) website.
- If an immunized person is exposed to COVID-19 (e.g., unprotected close contact with a COVID-19 case, return to Alberta from international travel) they will still be required to quarantine for 14 days from last day of exposure and monitor for symptoms. Vaccination does not change quarantine

**As of today people are eligible to book vaccination if they meet the criteria in Phase 2 B.**

We encourage you to regularly visit the [government website](#) for further details about the vaccination program, and new and updated information.

RHA not been able to establish contact with AHS to come out and provide immunizations for individuals residing in Residential Homes as a group. At this time the only option is for booking for vaccinations on an individual basis. Please see memo provided to membership from RHA dated March 17, 2021 outlining RHA process.

Sincerely,



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