

To: Family Members and Guardians
From: Todd Rich, Executive Director
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Statement on COVID-19

You are receiving this communication because we have you listed as a family member or guardian of an Individual that receives supports through Community Living Alternative Services (CLAS). As you are undoubtedly aware, there have been a number of news reports regarding the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the situation continues to evolve daily. Although the number of cases in Alberta are low, CLAS is closely monitoring the [World Health Organization](#) and [the Alberta Government](#) for updates and is reviewing policies and plans to ensure that we are fully prepared to take all reasonable precautions to protect our individuals, employees and the community.

The World Health Organization states that, “While we are still learning about how COVID-2019 affects people, older persons and persons with pre-existing medical conditions (such as high blood pressure, heart disease, lung disease, cancer or diabetes) appear to develop serious illness more often than others”. **As you know, many of our individuals have compromised or weakened immune systems deemed high risk, and as a result, we are asking all family members and guardians to take that information into account in their decision making regarding programming and supports such as attending shared / group programs etc.** The following hyperlink to a document from the Acting Assistant Public Guardian provide more detailed consideration/recommendations.

[OPG-Directive-Covid-19-March-12-2020](#)

For updates on the preventative measures being applied by CLAS, please visit the CLAS website at <http://c-l-a-s.ca/>.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Thanks,

Todd Rich
Executive Director