



July 5, 2021

Re: COVID-19 Update

Dear Residents,

The end is in sight!

As you are aware, the province of Alberta lifted almost all health restrictions as of July 1 with the City of Calgary following closely behind with approving just today to repeal the city-wide masking guidelines (with the exception of public and shared transportation vehicles).

And while many of us are looking forward to no longer needed to wear masks, the guidelines for congregate living facilities are different from those for the rest of Albertans and Calgarians. And although Alberta Health Services is planning on easing restrictions soon, they have chosen to not make any immediate changes and our COVID-19 protocols as they are, need to stay in place for the time being. This includes:

- Designated Family/Support Persons limited to four persons.
- Indoor socials visitors limited to four people from the same household.
- All visitors must continue to receive a health screening at the Haven front entrance prior to entry into Shalem and wear masks.

Phased Approach

Although the specific date is still to be announced, beginning mid-July AHS will remove certain requirements while maintaining others. This will include removing all restrictions on the number and types of visitors but still maintaining health screening and masking for visitors. Once this phase come into place, we will also once again allow indoor visits by children. I will let you know the timing of this as soon as we are made aware.

The second phase, the timing of which is still to be determined, will remove all restrictions, including the masking requirements for visitors.

Vaccinated vs. Unvaccinated

The studies have shown that the vaccines are effective at stopping people from contracting COVID-19 and if so, significantly reducing the severity of the symptoms. Due to this, should a Resident be exposed or be symptomatic with COVID-19, AHS has requested different management protocols where unvaccinated individuals may be asked to isolate or quarantine depending on the situation. Regardless of whether you are vaccinated or unvaccinated we do ask that for the continued protection and safety of all of Shalem, Residents disclose to management as soon as possible if they are symptomatic or have potentially been exposed.

Guest Suites

We look forward to once again hosting your friends and family when they are in town! We currently have one guest suite located in the Haven available to rent with an additional suite in the Court that will be available later this summer. Please note that the rental costs of either suite is \$75.00 per night. Reservations can be made by contacting the Front Desk.

Almost There!

Thank you again for your patience as we navigate these changes and wait for all the restrictions to be lifted. The end really is in sight! Those people you are most looking forward to seeing and those things you are most looking forward to doing is almost a reality!

I am so grateful for each one of you and the part you play in making Shalem such a great community to live!



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