



September 15, 2021

Dear Residents and Loved Ones of Good Samaritan Spruce Grove Centre,

Further to our last communication sent to you on September 9, I want to provide you with an update on the COVID-19 outbreak at Good Samaritan Spruce Grove Centre. Currently, we have 10 resident cases and 3 employee cases. GSS continues to work closely with Public Health and the following safety measures to protect our residents, family and staff have been implemented:

- A second round of asymptomatic testing of all residents will be completed September 18 and 19 which is approximately 5 – 7 days from the first round of testing that was completed.
- Asymptomatic testing of all staff.
- No group activities.
- Closure of dining rooms – meals will be delivered to resident rooms.
- Visitation is now limited to 1 designated support person as directed by the medical officer of health with the exception of an end of life situation.
- Twice daily screening of residents will continue.
- Enhanced environmental cleaning will continue.

For those that are unable to come in to have a social visit, please remind your friends and family that virtual visits can still be arranged by contacting the care home, or visit our website (www.gss.org) and use our Well Wishes tool to send a message or photos to any resident in our care. We know how difficult it is to be away from family and we look forward to the time that social visits can resume.

If you have not had the opportunity to be immunized against COVID-19 as of yet, I would encourage you to do so as immunization not only protects you but others as well. Please visit the [Government of Alberta](https://www.alberta.ca/government-of-alberta) website to book your appointments if you have not done so already.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this outbreak. It takes everyone working together, residents, family and staff to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lisa Miller, Site Manager at Spruce Grove Centre at (780) 431-3710.

Thank you,

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Vice President and Chief Quality Officer