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Attention: ESA Students

Re: COVID-19- ESA Update- March 16, 2022:

As we enter Step 2 of Alberta's "Path to Normal", we are cautiously optimistic and hopeful for a smooth transition from the pandemic to endemic phase of Covid-19.

What does this mean for ESA? Effective March 1, 2022:

- **Masking is encouraged but not required at ESA.** ESA will continue to be a mask-friendly space going forward. All are welcome to continue wearing face coverings if they choose to.
- **Masking and Proof of Vaccination will continue to be REQUIRED for PCP students on practicum at AHS-operated and contracted facilities.** This policy will remain in effect until it is rescinded by Alberta Health Services and an official announcement is made by ESA.

UPDATE- March 16, 2022 from AHS- All students and instructors who had not started a placement before November 30, 2021, or where their placement was not cancelled or paused as a result of the immunization requirement before November 30, 2021 **or who entered their educational program after November 30, 2021 must be fully immunized.**

- **Daily Covid forms are no longer required.**
- **Isolation remains MANDATORY for anyone with COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test result.** If you have any of the core symptoms of Covid-19, you are LEGALLY REQUIRED TO ISOLATE. Core symptoms include cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, sore throat, and loss of taste or smell.

If you are sick, please stay home and contact ESA Administration. We will work with you to make a plan forward.

- **In-person lecture and practical training will continue at ESA** and will include frequent hand washing and sanitizing, environmental controls such as plexi-glass barriers and frequent sanitization of surfaces.

As always, we will continue to heed the advice of the Alberta Government in regard to Covid-19. We move forward with the understanding that at any moment, we could be asked to pivot once again. As evidenced in the past two years, we are up for the challenge. We are committed to our staff and students, we are resilient and

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we are professional. We will continue to provide high level emergency services education while continuing to maintain our close knit, family environment.

I want to share my sincere gratitude to our administration team, faculty and students for their patience, flexibility and trust as we all worked together throughout the pandemic to maintain a safe learning and working environment.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chelsey Reid".

Chelsey Reid
Director & Registrar

