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Attention: ESA Students

**Re: COVID-19- ESA Update- June 16, 2022:**

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All remaining mandatory public health restrictions were lifted on June 14, 2022 as the Omicron BA.2 wave subsides and COVID-19 hospitalizations continue to decline.

What does this mean for ESA? Effective June 14, 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PCP students on practicum at AHS-operated and contracted facilities.** This policy will remain in effect until it is rescinded by Alberta Health Services and an official announcement is made by ESA.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.**

- **Isolation is recommended** for people who have core COVID-19 symptoms or tested positive.
- **If you have any of these core symptoms, you are recommended to isolate.** If you test negative, you should still stay home and away from others until symptoms resolve.
  - cough
  - fever
  - shortness of breath
  - runny nose
  - sore throat
  - loss of taste or smell

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- **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.

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,



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