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## memo

Date: March 13, 2020  
To: Residents and Families - All Covenant Care & Covenant Living Sites  
From: Jo Ann Molloy – Vice President, Resident Experience  
Re: COVID-19 Update

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Dear Residents and Families,

At Covenant Care and Covenant Living, the safety and health of our residents is of utmost importance.

Covenant Care and Covenant Living are closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation, and we are strictly following all recommendations from the Provincial and Local Medical Officers of Health, AHS and AH.

You are encouraged to go to [AHS.ca](https://www.alberta.ca) for the most up to date COVID 19 information.

As of Wednesday, the World Health Organization identified COVID 19 as a global pandemic. There are currently 23 confirmed cases in Alberta, all associated with travel. Although this is a rapidly evolving situation, the risk for Albertans is considered low.

Late yesterday, after careful consideration and to address this rapidly evolving global threat, Alberta's Medical Officer of Health announced that Alberta would be adopting aggressive new public health measures to limit the spread of the virus. They are as follows:

- All large gatherings of more than 250 people or international events in the province are to be cancelled.
- Events with less than 250 people and expects to have international participants, or involves critical infrastructure staff, seniors, or other high risk populations should also be cancelled.
- Albertans are advised against travel out of the country.
- Given the quickly evolving nature of the outbreak, Albertans who are currently out of the county self-isolate on their return for 14 days, independent of the country they were visiting.

**As of today, any staff member who is returning from out of country, no matter the location, will not be attending work for the next 14 days whether they are ill or not.**

**Similarly, we are asking that any visitors who returned from out of country on or after March 12, 2020, no matter the location, do not visit the home.**

As a reminder, influenza like illnesses, COVID 19 and other illnesses pose a particular threat to the elderly. Do not visit the home if you are ill.

Thank you.