

October 5, 2020

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All Licensed Supportive Living, Long-Term Care and Hospice Operators

**RE: Updated COVID-19 Screening Tools for Residents, Staff and Designated
Family/Support Persons/Visitors**

Dear Staff and Operators:

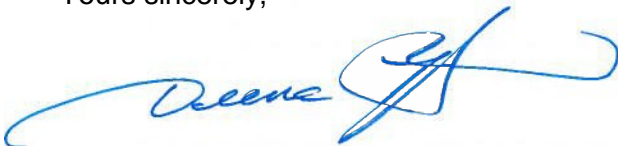
The foundation of Alberta's pandemic response is that we continually update guidance as new information and best practices are identified. For that purpose, I am writing to let you know about some updates we are making to the screening tools used within licensed supportive living, long-term care and hospices. [Order 29-2020](#) (Guidance for Safe Visiting) and [Order 32-2020](#) (Operational and Outbreak Standards) have screening tools included for use with residents, designated family/support persons/visitors and staff.

The province is making some changes to the screening questions to ensure only those who are at high risk of transmitting COVID-19 are not permitted to enter and that those who are known to be low risk are not excluded. These updates will bring the screening questions into alignment with the [screener](#) used for all Albertans for other sectors (schools, businesses, etc.). This will also help to reduce confusion between the different versions. In the attached updated screening tool, the screening questions are identical for staff, visitors and residents, but the corresponding instructions are tailored to each group.

I ask that you begin transitioning to the updated versions as quickly as you can but no later than October 13, 2020. If you have questions about these changes, please contact ASAL@gov.ab.ca or call 780-644-8428.

Thank you for your support and shared commitment to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Yours sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Deena Hinshaw, written in a cursive style.

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Attachments: Updated COVID-19 Screening Tools for Resident, Staff and Designated
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cc: John Cabral, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Service Delivery, Alberta Health