

## Continuing to Practice: Update on Providing Dietetic Services

December 11, 2020

On December 8, 2020, Alberta declared a State of Public Health Emergency to protect the health care system from COVID-19. Mandatory restrictions apply provincewide and will be in place at least until January 12, 2021.

- Effective December 8, 2020, masks are mandatory in all indoor public spaces and workplaces.
- Effective December 13, 2020, working from home is mandatory when physical presence is not required.
- Effective December 13, 2020, regulated health services can remain open by appointment only as long as public health orders and sector guidance is followed. Appointments should be limited to one-on-one services with proper personal protective equipment (PPE) and physical distancing in effect.

The College of Dietitians of Alberta encourages Registered Dietitians (RDs) that are working virtually, to continue to do so when they can. For those who will be seeing patients/clients in person, dietitians must continue to take measures as outlined by Alberta Health to promote physical distancing where possible, and where not, to use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

If you provide dietetic services in a facility that is closed under the current measures (ie. a recreation centre), one-on-one regulated health services may still be provided.

## Resources:

Alberta Health, Stronger public health measures (https://www.alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures.aspx)

If you have questions, please contact the College office.

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