

Covid 19 Response Report: May 12th, 2021 ECA AGM

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- Reopened in July 2020
- Following AHS guidelines and directives
- ENG created Resource page for community, passed to other communities
- ENG created Hampers on Hand program to provide staples to families in need in area during lockdown
- Cleaning and sterilizing with professional equipment
- Staff trained in procedures and safety protocols
- Staff have had to go for the occasional test but to date no positive case among our staff
- Prepared to increase programs and services as covid restrictions ease

Starting in July of 2020 when the province and AHS decided to have a limited reopening of the community centres in Alberta the ECA board prepared and executed a plan for a safe reopening of our Community Centre. As per guidelines a plan for cleaning and sterilization and proper crowd handling was developed and approved by the board.

Staff were brought back on a part time basis and cross trained in office and building operations to allow flexibility and cost efficiency while creating an as safe as possible work environment. Cleaning and sterilization supplies and an electrostatic sprayer were acquired, and all staff were trained in usage and procedures.

The ECA successfully hosted weddings and funerals, other social events, children's programs, and fitness programs while following the AHS regulations. The staff have a strict policy of not interacting with the guests so if a positive case were to occur our staff needed to be tested but is not quarantined as there is no personal contact with the clients.

With the current staged shutdown in place, the ECA continues to host preschool, childcare, and low intensity fitness classes. Our staff has done a great job in following the protocols and operating the community centre in a safe and effective manner. As we proceed to less stringent phases in the future the ECA will continue operating the community centre, following AHS guidelines, in a safe and prudent manner as we invite more of our user groups back.

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