

Date: November 6, 2009

To: AHS Facilities
Continuing Care Facilities
Contract Providers
Designated Assisted Living Facilities
Lodges

From: Dr. Gerry Predy, Senior Medical Officer of Health

**Re: Directive: Discontinuation of Social Activities Involving the Public
At Alberta Health Services Facilities**

Please be advised that effective immediately, all social activities with members of the public who would not normally be in AHS facilities are cancelled. "Social" activities refer to events such as public information sessions, awareness weeks, bake sales, parties, etc. that do not relate directly to patient/client care or services.

No future activities or events of this nature should be scheduled

Social gatherings or events involving staff and residents of long term care facilities are not being restricted, providing these events do not involve members of the public. This is subject to change as the pattern of circulating H1N1 in our community evolves.

This directive applies to ALL AHS sites and contracted providers in acute care, continuing care centers, community health centers and designated assisted living facilities.

Please note: *Ongoing, regularly scheduled* programs and services for which the public attends at AHS or contracted acute care and community facilities, such as group health education sessions, parent/child drop-in classes, pre-and postnatal classes, chronic disease self-management classes, etc. may continue.

Visitors should be limited to a maximum of 2 per patient bedside as per guidelines (Visitor Restrictions Reference 01-001).