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**To:** AHS Facilities  
Continuing Care Facilities  
Contracted Providers  
Designated Assisted Living Facilities  
Lodges

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

**Re:** Directive: Resumption of social activities Involving the Public at AHS Facilities

**Please be advised that, effective immediately social activities such as public information sessions, awareness weeks, bake sales, parties, etc. that do not relate directly to patient/client care or services can be resumed with the following guidelines:**

1. Vaccination of residents, patients and staff is recommended prior to the resumption of events that result in members of the public attending the site.
2. Prior to public groups (examples include bands and choirs) visiting the site, discussion with the group lead/contact must occur, and must cover hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.
3. Upon the group's arrival, a volunteer must be at the door to provide Alcohol Based Hand Sanitizer and to reinforce respiratory etiquette and exclude any group members who may be exhibiting symptoms of a respiratory infection.

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