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Thank You Educators and Families!

Northalta appreciates your ongoing commitment to the health and safety of the day homes.

The Government of Alberta released **COVID-19, INFORMATION GUIDANCE FOR APPROVED FAMILY DAY HOMES**. You can review the document on the following link.

<https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/covid-19-relaunch-guidance-for-family-day-homes.pdf> .

It includes information on:

- Safe practices in the program
- Outdoor play
- Cleaning and disinfecting including plush animals, blankets, sensory bins, and items to discontinue.

While many of the current practices will continue, there is additional guidance for day homes.

Risk Assessment: Initial Screening Questions

Educators are required to complete it:

- On themselves daily.
- With families daily.
- For visitors to the day home **including Northalta consultants**.
*The **Covid -19 Questionnaire** is on the last page of the included above link.
The online child attendance program includes the **Covid -19 Questionnaire**.

Updated cleaning guidelines

“Programs should engage in frequent, thorough cleaning and disinfecting each day.

- With the exception of diaper change tables, clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces as per AHS’ Guidelines for Environmental Cleaning of Public Facilities during Respiratory Illnesses in the Community.”

Day homes will continue to use the fresh solution of 2.5 ml of household bleach into 1 liter of water for diapering and food contact surfaces.

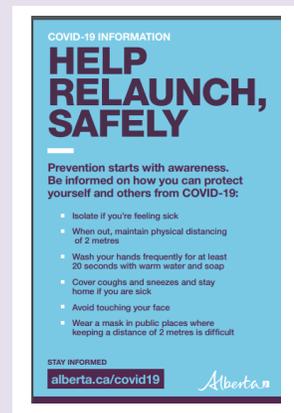
AND ALSO

A fresh solution of 20 ml (4 teaspoons) of unscented, household bleach with 1000 ml (4 cups) of water on toys, equipment, and high touch surfaces. Ensure the surface remains wet with the bleach water solution for 1 minute.

For more details on public health guidelines for environmental cleaning, please review the link below.

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/ppih/if-ppih-covid-19-environmental-cleaning-public-facilities.pdf>

Please contact Northalta if you have questions.



Educator's Birthdays*Radhika P. * Tracy R.
*Durga D. *Swati D.**July 2020****Educator's Anniversaries**

Carolina G.D. 3 yrs. * Maria G. 2year

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Canada Day Approved Educator holiday; Northalta office closed	2 Parent Fees Due	3	4
5	6 Parents: Late fee applies to unpaid childcare fees	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Educator payment email sent	16	17	18
19	20 Educator payment email due BY 9:00a.m.	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Eid al-Adha	31	

Upcoming Events and Celebrations

Northalta wishes everyone a fun and safe Canada Day!



July 1st - Canada Day - Canada Day is a celebration of Canadian history, nationalism and heritage. Canada became self-governing on July 1st, 1867.

July 30th - Eid al-Adha or Bakrid is a festival celebrated by Muslims all over the world. It is also known as Eid ul-Zuha which translates to the 'Feast of the Sacrifice'. It also marks the completion of Hajj for Muslims

Northalta appreciate everyone is adapting their outdoor activities based on AHS recommendations.

Educators please remember:

✓ When going for a walk, carry and use hand sanitizer (containing at least 60% alcohol content) immediately before and after touching surfaces.

✓ The City of Edmonton parks are open however educators must avoid the shared playground equipment and only use the grass space for activities.

Tips to enhance your outdoor play space:

✓ Your outdoor play space should be as organized as your indoor space. Children should know where to find and put away items.

✓ Reduce unnecessary items from your yard. This will also make clean-up easier.

SEVERE WEATHER: The summer months can bring severe weather. Please ensure you follow the directions of Environment Canada. For preparation details on different storms, please visit <http://getprepared.ca/>

Educators and Families let your voices be heard!

The **Child Care Licensing Act regulations** expire in early 2021 and the government of Alberta has a survey for Alberta families, educators, and staff to complete.

Share your opinions with the Government on the importance of agency approved day homes!

Northalta has emailed the survey to Educators and families. The survey closes on **Wednesday July 15, 2020**.

Your perspective will help the government ensure regulated day homes can deliver efficient services, that maximize time spent with children, and that agencies can effectively support families and day home educators.

It is important to note, **approved family day homes was the only approved child care available (in Alberta) at the beginning of COVID-19**. The commitment of Agencies, Educators and Families demonstrated how we work together to meet health and safety standards during this unprecedented time.



Families: Ensure the government knows why you chose an approved day home with an agency.

[PARTICIPATE IN THE PARENT PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT SURVEY HERE.](#)

Your points could include:

Safety:

- Parents want strong child safety, compliance, and oversight policies.
- Parents want their day home educator to have policies in place to handle emergencies.

Accountability:

- Parents look for agency approved day homes for support and to ensure government standards are met.
- Parents look for day home educators they can work with to ensure their child's needs are met.

Quality:

- Parents value the small group size, healthy environment, one on one interaction, multiage setting,
- Parents want committed and experienced child care educators, who have access to training and workplace supports, at day homes with reasonable child ratios.

Educators: Ensure the government knows why you chose to join an agency.

[PARTICIPATE IN THE EDUCATOR PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT SURVEY](#)

Your points could include:

Agency Support to:

- ✓ Implement and maintain high-quality standards in child care
- ✓ Implement safety standards
- ✓ Receive child care referrals
- ✓ Collect parent's fee
- ✓ Receive professional development opportunities
- ✓ Complete regular home visits



Agency: Some of the issues Northalta will be addressing include:

- ✓ Ratios in regulated day homes do not include the educator's own children over 3 years of age.
- ✓ Review of ratios between regulated and unregulated childcare.
- ✓ Professional development funding for educators.

Thank you in advance for your input.