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We at the North Edmonton Seniors Association endeavor to create an inclusive, enjoyable, and safe recreation environment for all members of our community. Over the four decades we have been in operation we have worked closely with our members to ensure that we provide an array of activities, programs and events, targeted at enriching the lives of this older adult and senior population. As we continue to grow and evolve as a senior-serving organization, changes and modifications are made to reflect the needs, preferences and requests of our ever-growing membership.

Today, our program and operations team continues to focus on experience enrichment, future member recruitment and sustainability initiatives for our organization as a whole. In light of COVID-19, the health and safety of our members is at the forefront of everything we do. NESAs has been presented with significant challenges in regards to program, activity and event operations due to this virus pandemic. While we continue to seek guidance and support from Alberta Health Services and our facility partner, the City of Edmonton, these unprecedented times result in ongoing ever-evolving changes to our plans and procedures for safe operations. As a result of the many uncertainties and current limitations we experience concerning our operations, we want to reassure everyone that our team is working diligently to create enjoyable and safe recreation experiences for all.

While the provincial guidelines for approved recreation centre activities continue to be updated, know that we are working closely with the city and province to create an environment that reflects these approved recommendations. Please note that while NESAs is adhering to all such safety and health regulations and requirements, the association is also making additional considerations and modifications to its offered activities and programs to enhance the level of safety, taking into consideration that our demographic of older adults and seniors is at a greater risk of virus transmission. With extra precautions and safety measures implemented, it is our hope that our recreation centre will be able to remain open and continue to offer its community a vast selection of programs and activities.

We appreciate your patience, kindness and respect as we continue to work through these uncharted territories. We also thank you for your cooperation and support in accepting the new changes we have in place to keep you and fellow members safe. This includes the transition to online registration, reductions to program capacities, and program and activity space reconfigurations. We understand that you may be frustrated with these new requirements or don't agree with some of the procedures we have in place but in order to ensure our community is kept safe, additional precautions are required to achieve this. As provincial regulations and requirements continue to change, our team will respond accordingly and make modifications where necessary. When we all do our part to keep one another safe, the more successful we will be at keeping the doors of our seniors recreation centre open to our community.

~From the NESAs Staff

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