



Dear NDP Members of the Legislative Assembly:

With the increase in Alberta COVID-19 cases, there has been increased calls for another provincial shutdown of businesses, clinics and other services to control the pandemic spread.

We urge you to understand, and support, what hundreds of Albertans have been telling us since the initial shutdowns – chiropractic care is an essential part of their health care needs and should not be a part of any full or partial closures.

When the March COVID-19 restrictions led to health-care providers shuttering their clinics, many Albertans needlessly suffered. Injury rehabilitation was paused, acute pain worsened, and chronic pain returned. We heard from Albertans nearly daily about the negative impact the shutdowns had on them and their pain management.

The Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors (ACAC) exists to protect the public and advocate for chiropractic care. As part of that duty, we developed and implemented a robust [Pandemic Practice Directive](#) prior to the re-opening of clinics that included patient screening, environment cleaning and disinfection, hygiene, physical distancing, and PPE protocols. We are pleased to report that in the subsequent months, Alberta's chiropractors have continued these practices and received commendations from both OHS and public health officials for our efforts to keep Albertans safe while providing needed chiropractic health-care services.

Recognizing chiropractic care as an important health and wellness element will result in many Albertans being served by their primary care provider and reduce strain on other parts of the health-care system. During these COVID times, this is a positive health and wellness action for Albertans.

We ask for your support in allowing chiropractic services to remain accessible to Albertans throughout the pandemic.

If you have questions about chiropractic as an important health service, how our pandemic practices help keep Albertans safe or other areas, please contact our CEO, Sheila Steger at 780-420-0932 or via email at ssteger@albertachiro.com.

In health,

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