

April 27, 2020

## **SUSPENSION OF SPRING AND SUMMER CAMPS AT EASTER SEALS CAMP HORIZON**

Dear Campers and Families of Easter Seals Camp Horizon,

**It is with heavy hearts that Easter Seals Alberta has come to the decision to suspend our spring camp and summer camps due to the ongoing risk of the COVID-19 pandemic.**

Our decision comes in response to the provincial and municipal governments extending the cancellation of all public events until the end of August, and their direction in regards to physical distancing.

This choice was made to ensure the health and safety of our campers, families, and staff, and was not made lightly. We are continuing to watch this situation carefully and will update you as we move forward with the help and direction of government representatives and health officials.

We are so disappointed as we were looking forward to hosting all of our campers back this year. We know that for some of you camp is a home away from home and something you look forward to each year. Easter Seals Camp Horizon has been running for 55 years and to our knowledge this will be the first time Camp has ever had to be suspended.

Easter Seals Camp Horizon is a charitable, not-for-profit organization that relies solely on donations and revenue made from our summer camp season.

For this reason, we would like to ask that campers and families leave their camp fee payments with us as a deposit for when we are able to run camps again, or to donate it ensure Camp Horizon's survival through this difficult time.

We understand that this may not be possible for some of you and are also offering the option of getting a refund. For a refund, please contact us to find out more details.

Thank you for your patience, kindness, and understanding as we all navigate this experience together. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Meghan or Melissa at the following:

**Meghan**, Camp Registrar/Office Administrator  
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Best regards,



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Easter Seals Alberta

*Note: Our staff are working remotely at this time and will not be in our offices until further notice. We are dedicated to staying connected with our ESCH families, so if you wish to get in touch via telephone please contact the emails listed above and we will reach out to you as soon as possible through an alternate number.*