

Re: WSBC Input - Masks

From: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>
To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: November 19, 2020 8:29:50 AM PST

Yes exactly.

Sent from my iPad

On Nov 19, 2020, at 8:25 AM, Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Yes, there can be a ministerial order or public safety order that 'clarifies' the requirement that masks must be worn in public indoor spaces and retail spaces in BC.

B

*Dr Bonnie Henry
Provincial Health Officer
Office of the PHO
Ministry of Health*

s.15; s.19

*Mailing address: PO Box 9648, STN PROV GOVT
Victoria, BC
V8W 9P4*

Bonnie.henry@gov.bc.ca

Phones.17; s.19

I gratefully acknowledge that I live and work on the traditional unceded territory of the Lekwungen Peoples, specifically the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations. Hay'sxw'qu Si'em

Warning: This email is intended only for the use of the individual or organization to whom it is addressed. It may contain information that is privileged or confidential. Any distribution, disclosure, copying, or other use by anyone else is strictly prohibited. If you have received this in error, please telephone or e-mail the sender immediately and delete the message.

From: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: November 19, 2020 8:18 AM
To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: WSBC Input - Masks

We are on it this morning. Provincial emergency power to direct them? Can't have more ambiguity from them

Sent from my iPad

On Nov 18, 2020, at 8:57 PM, Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

This is not good enough. Work safe needs to step up. They require exposure control plans and masking if people are coming into workplaces fits into that. s.13

s.13

s.22

Bonnie
Dr Bonnie Henry
Provincial Health Officer
Ministry of Health
Bonnie.henry@gov.bc.ca

s.17; s.19

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX" <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>
Date: November 18, 2020 at 8:35:03 PM PST
To: "Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX" <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: WSBC Input - Masks

Hi Bonnie.

Further to the email I just sent about the Quebec mandatory mask policy being a *Public Health Act* order, below is the WSBC perspective, with some messaging that might help shape your comments at the press conference.

Thanks.

Brian

Dr. Brian P. Emerson, Deputy Provincial Health Officer
(acting)

BC Ministry of Health, PO Box 9648 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria,
BC V8W 9P1

T 250.952.1701 C^{s.17}

F. 250.952. 1713

brian.emerson@gov.bc.ca

From: Lovelace, Mary <Mary.Lovelace@worksafebc.com>
Sent: November 18, 2020 6:26 PM
To: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: McCaskill, Darrin WCB:EX <Darrin.McCaskill@worksafebc.com>;
Brocklehurst, Thomas WCB:EX <Tom.Brocklehurst@worksafebc.com>;
Harkness, Gordon WCB:EX <Gordon.Harkness@worksafebc.com>
Subject: WSBC Input - Masks

[EXTERNAL] This email came from an external source. Only open attachments or links that you are expecting from a known sender.

Good evening Brian,

Here are our thoughts on the order (verbal statement) expected tomorrow, as discussed in this afternoon's meeting.

WSBC guidance on mask use in workplaces

- Employers are already required by PHO order to develop a COVID-19 Safety Plan that includes protocols to protect workers from the risk of COVID-19 transmission. The protocols that employers must put in place must follow the hierarchy of controls, such that protocols that eliminate the hazard (by removing people or placing them at appropriate distances) are employed first, followed by the use of barriers where the hazard cannot be eliminated, and finally the use of masks when no other option is available.

Possible direction from PHO on masks

- If the PHO wants to issue guidance around the use of masks, that guidance could point employers back to this obligation, and require (as did the order from Nov 7) employers to review those plans and ensure appropriate controls have been selected and are functioning appropriately.
- To further highlight the scenarios where masks would be required, language such as this could be used:

"Some employers have specific guidance from the PHO and/or health authorities on protocols that must be in place at those workplaces (i.e. schools and healthcare). For all other employers, they are required to follow the hierarchy of controls described in the WorkSafeBC COVID-19 Safety Plan. This involves first ensuring that physical distancing is maintained wherever possible. Where physical distancing cannot be maintained, employers must then determine whether barriers can be

used. In cases where neither physical distancing nor barriers can be used, employers must ensure that workers are wearing masks. This obligation extends to the entire workplace, including not only shop floors but also kitchens, breakrooms, washrooms, meeting rooms, and shared worker transportation.”

WorkSafeBC and public mask requirements

- WorkSafeBC does not have the jurisdiction to mandate that members of the public wear masks.
- WorkSafeBC’s mandate and jurisdiction over employers requires them to ensure the health and safety of workers.
- In contexts where members of the public at a workplace are *not* coming into proximity to workers, an employer’s obligation to ensure the health and safety of workers would therefore not require them to make those members of the public wear masks.
- In cases where members of the public *do* come into proximity to workers, our [materials](#) advise employers that they “may require or promote the use of masks”. Our materials fall short of requiring the use of masks because employers have expressed concerns about being required to police the use of masks by members of the public in the absence of a public health mandate.

Mary Lovelace

Director, Prevention Planning, Coordination, and Support Services | 604.231.8596

WorkSafeBC

6951 Westminster Hwy, Richmond, BC

[worksafebc.com](https://www.worksafebc.com)

As more information and resources about COVID-19 become available, we will continue to update the COVID-19 section of our website at [worksafebc.com](https://www.worksafebc.com). Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#) for the latest announcements, jobs, workplace health and safety resources, and news from WorkSafeBC.

CONFIDENTIALITY DISCLAIMER

The information contained in this transmission may contain privileged and confidential information of WorkSafeBC - the Workers' Compensation Board. It is intended for review only by the person(s) named above. Dissemination, distribution or duplication of this communication is strictly prohibited by all recipients unless expressly authorized otherwise. If you are not the intended recipient, please contact the sender by reply email and destroy all copies of the original message. Thank you.

Re: BCGEU and Mandatory Mask Order

From: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>
To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: November 22, 2020 5:15:47 PM PST

Will follow up with the union.

Sent from my iPad

On Nov 22, 2020, at 5:11 PM, Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

This is the letter that was sent by BCGEU.^{s.13}

s.13

Brian is following up but the point is that not everyone can wear a mask and they need to be accommodated. They may be asked not to enter a place but they cannot be denied service. There needs to be provision for remote, online or curbside pick up for example or arrangements for them to come at a time where there are others measures like physical barriers that can be used.

My best,

Bonnie

Dr Bonnie Henry

Provincial Health Officer

Office of the PHO

Ministry of Health

s.15; s.19

Mailing address: PO Box 9648, STN PROV GOVT

Victoria, BC

V8W 9P4

Bonnie.henry@gov.bc.ca

Phone s.17; s.19

I gratefully acknowledge that I live and work on the traditional unceded territory of the Lekwungen Peoples, specifically the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations. Hay'sxw'qu Si'em

Warning: This email is intended only for the use of the individual or organization to whom it is addressed. It may contain information that is privileged or confidential. Any distribution, disclosure, copying, or other use by anyone else is strictly prohibited. If you have received this in error, please telephone or e-mail the sender immediately and delete the message.

From: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: November 20, 2020 6:33 PM

To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: BCGEU and Mandatory Mask Order

From: Lakey, William PSA:EX <William.Lakey@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: November 20, 2020 5:38 PM

To: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Last piece re orders

s.13

See below in yellow. The employer has

reached out to them and no change.

s.13

I realize there are many demands on the PHO, and this is yet another. Thanks for your consideration.
William

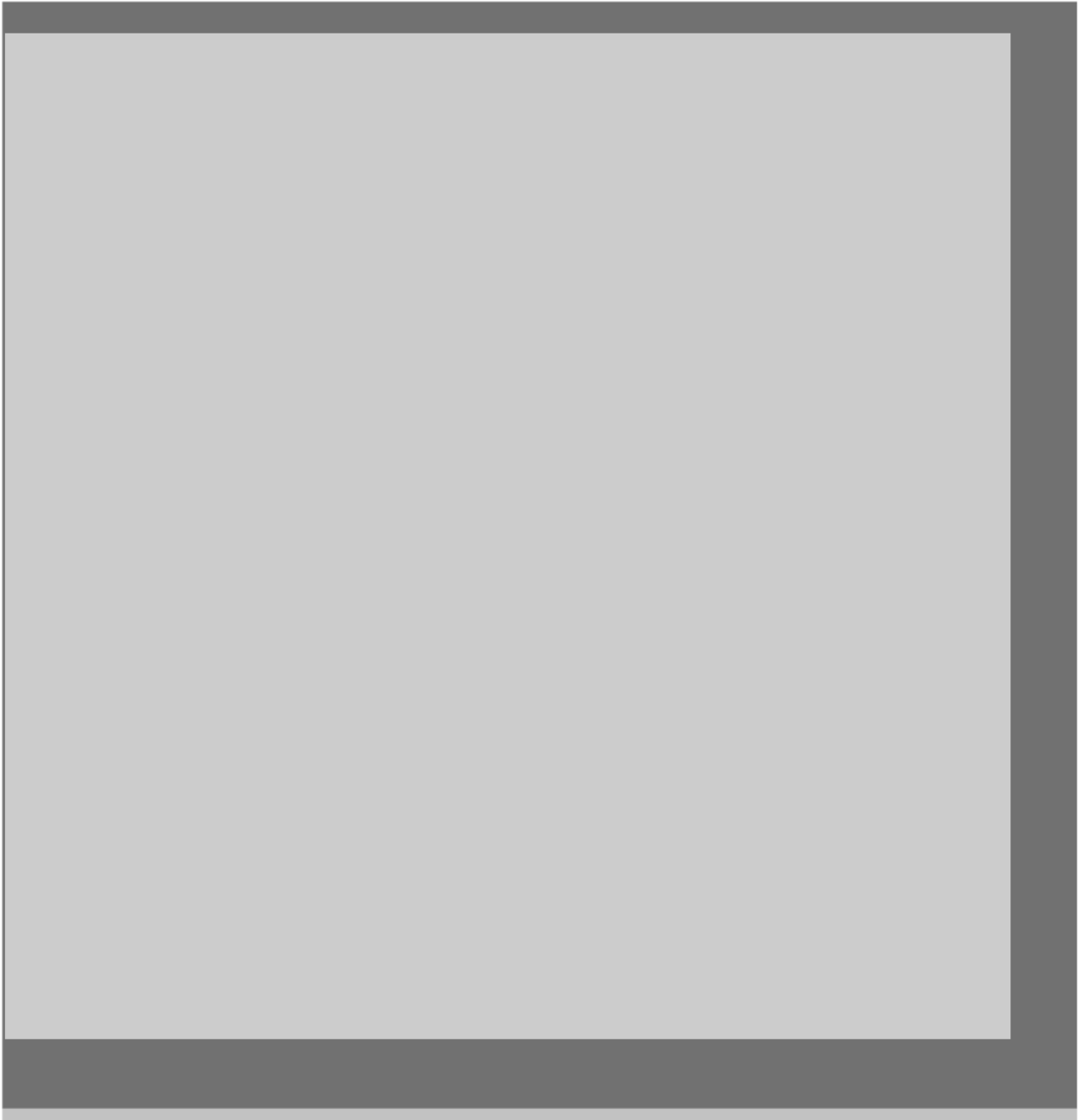
From: Stephanie Smith, BCGEU President <communications@bcgeu.ca>

Sent: November 20, 2020 12:21 PM

To: Communications <Communications@bcgeu.ca>
Subject: New Health Orders at Work

Important Member Communication

[View this email in your browser](#)



To: All BCGEU Members

Re: Information on the new orders made by the PHO

Many of you likely have questions about what the new orders issued by BC's Public Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, mean for you and your work. We are committed to making sure your questions are answered and that you have the proper resources to keep your workplace, as well as your family, friends and co-workers safe

Issued due to the on-going surge of new COVID-19 cases throughout the province, the new orders came into effect as of midnight, November 19th, and will be in place until at least midnight on December 7th. They include the following:

- Masks are required to be worn in all public indoor settings and workplaces;
- Province wide travel restrictions;
- Restrictions on social gatherings that apply across the province, and;
- Employers are to make every effort to provide work from home options.

Updating COVID-19 Safety Plans

Like all of us, your employer must comply with the new public health orders. This means your worksite COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan will need to be reviewed and updated. You should expect that:

- Your employer reviews the new PHO orders and updates the COVID-19 Safety Plan as necessary
- Joint Health and Safety committee members or worker health and safety representatives participate in this process
- New worksite policies may need to be developed and implemented to meet the requirements of the orders
- Plans will include details on how to address members of the public who enter a worksite without a mask, and how they can be refused entry or service

Mask Requirements

Masks are now required for everyone in all public indoor settings and workplaces, and employers are expected to enforce the mandatory mask policy with both employees and customers. Key things to know are:

- A customer/ client can be refused entry or service if they do not wear a mask
- People who cannot wear a mask or who cannot put on or remove a mask on their own are exempt
- If you are unable to wear a mask for medical reasons, your employer is required to accommodate you. This may mean working from home or if that is not possible, exploring other options. If this applies to you, advise your supervisor and contact your steward or the BCGEU Area Office for assistance.

Remember, it is your employer's responsibility to enforce the mandatory mask policy, and a customer or client should be refused entry or service if they do not wear a mask. If someone at your worksite is not wearing a mask:

- Inform your supervisor and a member of your Occupational Health and Safety committee
- If the mandatory mask order is not being followed at your worksite, you have the right to refuse unsafe work.
 - If you choose to refuse, Notify your supervisor and your Occupational Health and Safety representatives immediately
 - For more information about how to refuse unsafe work visit <https://ohs.bcgeu.ca/your-rights>

More details on the new Provincial Health Orders at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/restrictions>

If you have any questions about this order and how it applies to you, contact your steward or local OHS committee representative, or you can email us at OHS@bcgeu.ca.

These are unprecedented, challenging times, and the new restrictions may cause more disruption to your work and family life. But we believe following Dr. Henry's orders and ensuring these measures are implemented at our workplaces will keep us all safer. Together, we can protect one another, and make a difference in slowing the spread of the virus.

In Solidarity,

Stephanie Smith
BCGEU President

[Download PDF of notice here](#)

Find Key Services Here

- Your Collective Agreement
- Pension Information
- BCGEU News & Events
- Update your contact info

Connect to Us



BCGEU
4911 Canada Way
Burnaby, BC V5G3W3
Canada

[Add us to your address book](#)

Get in Touch

Burnaby HQ

604-291-9611 or 1-800-663-1674

Contact your nearest BCGEU Area Office

You're receiving this email because you're a member of the BCGEU. These emails are meant to alert you about matters that could affect your work and worksite. They include updates about collective agreement bargaining, strike votes and notices, member elections to BCGEU locals and contract ratification bulletins.

Copyright © 2020 BCGEU, All rights reserved.

[privacy policy](#) | [unsubscribe from this list](#)

Return to On-Campus Teaching, Learning and Research in September 2021

From: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>
To: XT:Kinloch, Kathy CITZ:IN <Kathy_Kinloch@bcit.ca>, sbell@camosun.bc.ca, XT: Dangerfield, Paul CITZ:IN <pdangerfield@capilanou.ca>, XT:Kohlman, Justin CITZ:IN <jkohlman@coastmountaincollege.ca>, XT:Johnson, Dennis CITZ:IN <johnsond@cnc.bc.ca>, XT:Vogt, Paul AEST:IN <pvogt@cotr.bc.ca>, XT:Denton, Kathy CITZ:IN <dentonk@douglascollege.ca>, XT:Siddall, Gillian CITZ:IN <gsiddall@ecuad.ca>, XT:Tarko, Michel CITZ:IN <mtarko@jibc.ca>, XT:Davis, Alan CITZ:IN <alan.davis@kpu.ca>, XT:Trotter, Lane CITZ:IN <ltrotter@langara.ca>, ktourand@nvit.ca, XT:fowler, Colin CITZ:IN <colin.fowler@nic.bc.ca>, XT:Kulmatycki, Bryn AEST:IN <bkulmatycki@nlc.bc.ca>, XT:Hamilton, Jim CITZ:IN <jhamilton@okanagan.bc.ca>, XT:Steenkamp, Philip CITZ:IN <Philip.Steenkamp@royalroads.ca>, XT:Graeme, Angus CITZ:IN <agraeme@selkirk.ca>, XT:Johnson - SFU, Joy AEST:IN <sfu_president@sfu.ca>, btfairbairn@tru.ca, sjo@ubc.ca, XT:Payne, Geoffrey CITZ:IN <Geoff.payne@unbc.ca>, XT:MacLean, Joanne CITZ:IN <joanne.maclea@ufv.ca>, XT:President, UVIC CITZ:IN <pres@uvic.ca>, XT:Patel, Ajay CITZ:IN <ajpatel@vcc.ca>, XT:Saucier, Deborah CITZ:IN <deborah.saucier@viu.ca>
Cc: Kang, Anne AEST:EX <Anne.Kang@gov.bc.ca>, Snoddon, Michael AEST:EX <Michael.Snoddon@gov.bc.ca>, Baskerville, Shannon AEST:EX <Shannon.Baskerville@gov.bc.ca>, XT:Blouw, Max CITZ:IN <max.blouw@rucbc.ca>, XT:Ewart, Collin CITZ:IN <cewart@bccolleges.ca>, XT:Wittenberg, Ruth CITZ:IN <Ruth.Wittenberg@ufv.ca>, Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>, Brown, Stephen R HLTH:EX <Stephen.Brown@gov.bc.ca>, XT:HLTH Stanwick, Richard <richard.stanwick@viha.ca>, XT:HLTH Brodtkin, Elizabeth <elizabeth.brodtkin@fraserhealth.ca>, De Villiers, Albert <Albert.DeVilliers@interiorhealth.ca>, XT:Kim, Jong HLTH:IN <jong.kim@northernhealth.ca>, XT:McDonald, Shannon HLTH:IN <Shannon.McDonald@fnha.ca>, Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>, Gustafson, Reka [BCCDC] <reka.gustafson@phsa.ca>, Behn Smith, Daniele HLTH:EX <Daniele.BehnSmith@gov.bc.ca>, Lavoie, Martin HLTH:EX <Martin.Lavoie@gov.bc.ca>, Gustafson, Reka HLTH:IN <reka.gustafson@phsa.ca>
Sent: March 8, 2021 3:10:33 PM PST
Attachments: 1190387 - Letter to PSI Presidents - final.pdf

Dear Post-Secondary Institution Presidents:

Attached please find a letter from me about return to on-campus teaching, learning and research in September 2021. I and my colleagues look forward to working with you in the near future to support a full and safe return to on-campus instruction.

Thanks,

*Dr. Bonnie Henry
Provincial Health Officer
Office of the PHO
Ministry of Health*

s.15; s.19

*Mailing address: PO Box 9648, STN PROV GOVT
Victoria, BC
V8W 9P4*

Bonnie.henry@gov.bc.ca

Phone: s.17; s.19

I gratefully acknowledge that I live and work on the traditional unceded territory of the Lekwungen Peoples, specifically the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations. Hay'sxw'qu Si'em



1190387

March 8, 2021

Dear Post-Secondary Institution Presidents:

I am writing to you to acknowledge the important leadership the post-secondary sector has shown in BC's response to the COVID-19 pandemic over the past 12 months, and to support you with the critical goal of resuming safe on-campus teaching, learning and research in September 2021.

Your institutions worked in partnership with the BC Centre for Disease Control, WorkSafeBC, the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training, and staff in my office to produce and update the "COVID-19 Go-Forward Guidelines for B.C.'s Post-Secondary Sector." Those Guidelines and your institutional health and safety plans helped the sector to be very successful in mitigating the spread of COVID-19. The quick adaptation to remote learning, while staying open and available for learners, played a major role in the success of B.C.'s pandemic response.

My office and our medical health officers share your concerns about the wellbeing of young adults who are disproportionately affected by the pandemic, including worsening mental health, increased financial instability and diminished future prospects. We also acknowledge this has been a difficult and stressful time for faculty and staff. It is imperative to get back on campus for everyone's health and well-being.

There are very good reasons to be confident that a return to on-campus instruction in the fall can be undertaken safely and successfully. Current projections of the COVID-19 vaccine supply in BC suggest that all vulnerable and high-risk groups should be immunized this spring, and the majority of the adult population by the summer. Young adults aged 18-24 should receive the vaccine no later than the end of July, but more likely sooner. The timing of immunization should not be a determinant of planning for a return to on-campus activities.

Given the expected timelines for immunization it is essential that we plan for a full return to in-person activities on campus in September 2021, including in-person instruction, with faculty and staff returning to campus sooner. Immunization will support what seems likely to become stable coexistence with COVID-19 as another manageable, seasonal ailment.

.../2

New variants of the SARS CoV-2 virus will likely continue to emerge. We will respond to them through monitoring, re-formulation of tests and vaccines, and through other measures as needed depending on the characteristics of the variants. Targeted testing and contact tracing by health authorities will remain key supplements to immunization in rapidly controlling transmission. These activities will be part of normal, ongoing life with COVID-19.

We have also learned over the past year that when we implement effective safety plans, large sectors can operate safely. Reducing the opportunity for infectious contacts will continue to be an important strategy. As such, safety plans will remain important, with updates as required. My team looks forward to working with you to fine-tune plans for the prevention activities we have all become so familiar with: self-administered health checks; facilitating hand cleaning through access to soap and water or encouraging people to use hand sanitizers; use of masks; early detection and rapid testing of potential cases; isolation; and case and contact management.

The experience of the past year can help with a safe return to post-secondary campuses. Above and beyond immunization, infectious contacts in group settings at post-secondary institutions can be reduced through a variety of prevention and exposure control measures. Two-meter physical distancing has been my guidance for uncontrolled group settings. Such distancing is neither practical, nor necessary, in the controlled context of post-secondary instructional settings. I am very confident that the combination of immunization and continued application of the “COVID-19 Go-Forward Guidelines for B.C.’s Post-Secondary Sector” will support the safe and complete resumption of campus teaching, learning, and research.

We also believe student housing, dining and other on-campus student services will be able to return to normal or close-to-normal capacities by following revised protocols in the “COVID-19 Go-Forward Guidelines for B.C.’s Post-Secondary Sector.”

Based on what we have learned in the past year, and the important protection that immunization will provide, I, as well as the medical health officers in British Columbia, strongly support the resumption of on-campus activities in September 2021. Public health will also continue to work with post-secondary institutions to determine if measures are needed to keep activities inside and outside the classroom safe in the fall, such as public transportation, socializing outside of class, athletics, and arrival and quarantine of international students.

Thank you, again, for the important role you play in supporting the provincial COVID-19 response, and in helping British Columbians to realize the full experience and benefits of post-secondary education. I look forward to working with you to strengthen the collaboration between public health and post-secondary institutions for a full and safe return to on-campus instruction in September 2021. We all look forward to the rich campus interactions that will make learning and personal development so much more effective and supportive for students, faculty, and staff.

.../3

Sincerely,



Bonnie Henry
MD, MPH, FRCPC
Provincial Health Officer

Cc Honourable Anne Kang, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training
 Shannon Baskerville, Deputy Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training
 Max Blouw, President Research Universities' Council of BC
 Ruth Wittenberg President, BC Association of Institutes and Universities
 Colin Ewart, President BC Colleges
 Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health
 Stephen Brown, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health
 Chief Medical Health Officers, Regional Health Authorities
 Chief Medical Officer, First Nations Health Authority
 Deputy Provincial Health Officers

Acute COVID-19 Site Capacity (03/10/2021 09:00 AM)

Acute Occupancy
Rate COVID-19
Sites

110.0%

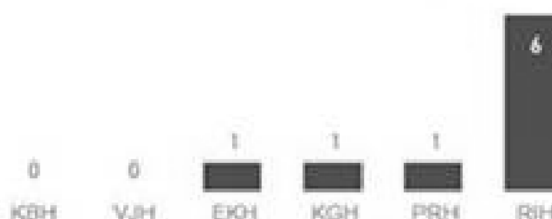
(03/09/2021)
COVID-19
Hospitalized

14

COVID-19 Unit
Beds Available

9

Total COVID-19 Unit Funded Beds Available



Critical Care COVID-19 Capacity (03/10/2021 09:00 AM)

Critical Care
Occupancy Rate
COVID-19 Sites

92.5%

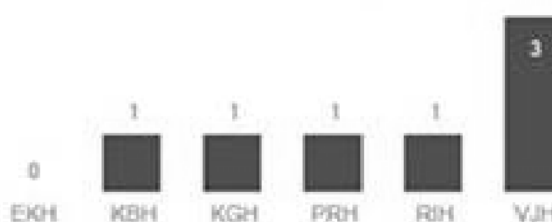
(03/09/2021)
COVID-19
Admitted to ICU

5

Funded Beds
Available

7

Total Critical Care Funded Beds Available



Fwd: BC Hockey League Return to Play protocols - Request for Variance - FOR APPROVAL

From: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>
To: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX <Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca>, Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 12, 2021 9:08:53 AM PST
Attachments: image001.png, image005.png, image009.png, image006.jpg, image007.jpg, image008.jpg, image004.jpg, image001.png

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX" <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>
Date: March 12, 2021 at 8:57:47 AM PST
To: "Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX" <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: BC Hockey League Return to Play protocols - Request for Variance - FOR APPROVAL

Below is what we are sending to the BCHL this am

*Dr Bonnie Henry
Provincial Health Officer
Office of the PHO
Ministry of Health*

s.15; s.19

*Mailing address: PO Box 9648, STN PROV GOVT
Victoria, BC
V8W 9P4*

Bonnie.henry@gov.bc.ca

Phone: s.17; s.19

I gratefully acknowledge that I live and work on the traditional unceded territory of the Lekwungen Peoples, specifically the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations. Hay'sxw'qu Si'em

Warning: This email is intended only for the use of the individual or organization to whom it is addressed. It may contain information that is privileged or confidential. Any distribution, disclosure, copying, or other use by anyone else is strictly prohibited. If you have received this in error, please telephone or e-mail the sender immediately and delete the message.

From: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 12, 2021 7:41 AM
To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: BC Hockey League Return to Play protocols - Request for Variance - FOR APPROVAL
Importance: High

Hi Bonnie. Here is the proposed variance for approval. They are chomping at the bit to get their press release out so approval asap would be great.

Thanks.

Brian

Dear Chris Hebb, Commissioner, British Columbia Hockey League

Thank you for your request for reconsideration of the Provincial Health Officer *Gatherings and Events* order as applied to the BC Hockey League (BCHL) for the following variances:

1. **Travel:** One-time variance to the *Gathering and Events* order to allow sport-related travel for teams that will be housed in hotels to travel to and from the hub locations.
2. **Travel:** Ongoing variance to the *Gathering and Events* order for child and youth sport-related travel for cross-hub gameplay from April 2nd and May 15th.

3. Child & Youth Sport Contact & Competition: Variance to *Gathering and Events* order to allow child and youth sport contact and competition for pre-season and season hockey activities between April 2nd and May 15th

I have reviewed your request and Return to Play protocol, and it has been reviewed by medical health officers and public health staff in the affect regions. I have taken into consideration their input and appreciate that you are open to continuing to work with the local public health staff on further details. In particular I note that the pod concept limits the amount of team travel and teams interacting, there is a fourteen day quarantine period in place to reduce the risk of virus introduction, strict protocols are in place to limit interaction between players and the communities, strict protocols are in place to reduce the risk of transmission between players, coaches and staff, and that you have appointed a medical advisor.

Based on our review I am satisfied that adherence to your proposed plan, including revisions provided as conditions below, and adherence to any further conditions required by the regional medical health officer will meet the objectives of the order to help against exposure and transmission of the SARS-CoV-1 virus. Therefore it is my opinion that this the BCHL can return to play as long as the safety plan is implemented with the following conditions, and as long as you follow the other applicable requirements of the *Gatherings and Events* order posted on my website at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>.

The conditions of this variance are that you must work with the local public officials to complete the following prior to the start of play on April 2:

1. You must implement the pod arrangement plan appended below. Any changes to the pods must be approved by me, and will involve consultation with the medical health officers.
2. Develop a player, coach and staff testing plan, including testing provider, frequency and type as advised by your medical advisor.
3. Strengthen the isolation plan to be stricter around the billet family AND through the entirety of play AND two weeks after the season ends.
4. Provide additional information regarding response to cases and contacts. A plan should be developed to include response actions and definitions (e.g. pre-made definitions of close contacts).
5. Provide additional details on the role of the chief medical officer.
6. Clarify that people designated as compliance officers have the authority to independently speak with the medical advisor and public health, rather than through coaches or other intermediaries.
7. Clarify that team staff and player leaders will educate players about behaviour away from the rink to understand public protocols on safe physical distancing and hygiene. Provide additional details regarding what is included in this education.

Please note that this variance does not have an expiry date but may be amended or withdrawn at any time by the Provincial Health Officer should conditions exist that warrant doing so in the interests of protecting public health. In addition, the medical health officer may recommend additional conditions to this variance that I may impose on a site- or region-specific basis.

In conclusion, pursuant to section 43 (3) (c) of the *Public Health Act* (excerpt below), I am varying the order as requested, with the above conditions, to allow the BCHL to return to play. The other conditions of the order, as applicable, continue to be in force.

If you have any questions or concerns about this decision, please let me know.

Public Health Act excerpt

Reconsideration of orders

43 (3) After considering a request for reconsideration, a health officer may do one or more of the following:

(a) reject the request on the basis that the information submitted in support of the request

(i) is not relevant, or

(ii) was reasonably available at the time the order was issued;

(b) delay the date the order is to take effect or suspend the order, if satisfied that doing so would not be detrimental to public health;

(c) confirm, rescind or vary the order.

Pod Arrangement Plan

Port Alberni Pod Island Health	Coquitlam Pod Fraser Health	Chilliwack Pod Fraser Health	Vernon Pod Interior Health	Penticton Pod Interior Health
Alberni Valley Bulldogs	Coquitlam Express	Chilliwack Chiefs	Salmon Arm Silverbacks	Cranbrook Bucks
Cowichan Valley Capitals	Langley Rivermen	Merritt Centennials	Vernon Vipers	Penticton Vees
Nanaimo Clippers	Powell River Kings	Prince George Spruce Kings	West Kelowna Warriors	Trail Smoke Eaters
Victoria Grizzlies	Surrey Eagles	-	-	-

Dr Bonnie Henry signature block

From: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX

Sent: March 12, 2021 7:01 AM

To: 'Brodkin, Elizabeth Dr. [FH]' <Elizabeth.Brodkin@fraserhealth.ca>; Tyler, Ingrid Dr. HLTH:IN <ingrid.tyler@fraserhealth.ca>

Cc: Naiman, Daniel HLTH:EX <Daniel.Naiman@gov.bc.ca>; Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: BC Hockey League Return to Play protocols - Request for Variance - Where should the teams go?

Hi Elizabeth, Ingrid and Bonnie

Just wanted you to be aware of a minor change in this proposal and hope not an issue for you – the Langley hub will now operate out of Coquitlam instead. See new and former arrangements below.

Plan is to issue the variance today and BCHL will make an announcement.

Bonnie – I previously mentioned to you but as a reminder we have heard from viaSport that

s.13

New plan

Port Alberni Pod Island Health	Coquitlam Pod Fraser Health	Chilliwack Pod Fraser Health	Vernon Pod Interior Health	Penticton Pod Interior Health
Alberni Valley Bulldogs	Coquitlam Express	Chilliwack Chiefs	Salmon Arm Silverbacks	Cranbrook Bucks
Cowichan Valley Capitals	Langley Rivermen	Merritt Centennials	Vernon Vipers	Penticton Vees
Nanaimo Clippers	Powell River Kings	Prince George Spruce Kings	West Kelowna Warriors	Trail Smoke Eaters
Victoria Grizzlies	Surrey Eagles	-	-	-

Previous plan

Option B:

Port Alberni Pod Island Health	Langley Pod Fraser Health	Chilliwack Pod Fraser Health	Vernon Pod Interior Health	Penticton Pod Interior Health
Alberni Valley Bulldogs	Coquitlam Express	Chilliwack Chiefs	Salmon Arm Silverbacks	Cranbrook Bucks
Cowichan Valley Capitals	Langley Rivermen	Merritt Centennials	Vernon Vipers	Penticton Vees
Nanaimo Clippers	Powell River Kings	Prince George Spruce Kings	West Kelowna Warriors	Trail Smoke Eaters
Victoria Grizzlies	Surrey Eagles	-	-	-

Thanks.

Brian

Dr. Brian P. Emerson, Deputy Provincial Health Officer (acting)

BC Ministry of Health, PO Box 9648 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9P1

T 250.952.1701 (s.17) F. 250.952. 1713 brian.emerson@gov.bc.ca

From: Brodtkin, Elizabeth Dr. [FH] <Elizabeth.Brodtkin@fraserhealth.ca>

Sent: March 10, 2021 4:56 PM

To: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>; Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>; XT:HLTH Stanwick, Richard <richard.stanwick@viha.ca>; XT:HLTH Fyfe, Murray <murray.fyfe@viha.ca>; Albert.deVilliers@interiorhealth.ca; XT:Mema, Dr. Silvina HLTH:IN <Silvina.Mema@interiorhealth.ca>; Tyler, Ingrid Dr. HLTH:IN <ingrid.tyler@fraserhealth.ca>

Cc: Naiman, Daniel HLTH:EX <Daniel.Naiman@gov.bc.ca>; Naiman, Daniel HLTH:EX <Daniel.Naiman@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: BC Hockey League Return to Play protocols - Request for Variance - Where should the teams go?

[EXTERNAL] This email came from an external source. Only open attachments or links that you are expecting from a known sender.

We support IHA. Option B.

Dr. Elizabeth Brodtkin, MD, FCFP, MHSc, FRCPC

Vice President Population Health and Chief Medical Health Officer

Fraser Health

Phone: (604) 307-4928

Executive Assistant

Courtney.Morimoto@fraserhealth.ca

From: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 4:53 PM

To: Henry, Bonnie [EXT] <bonnie.henry@gov.bc.ca>; Stanwick, Richard (Dr) [VIHA] <Richard.Stanwick@viha.ca>; Fyfe, Murray W. (Dr) [VIHA] <Murray.Fyfe@viha.ca>; Albert.deVilliers@interiorhealth.ca; Mema, Dr. Silvina [IHA] <Silvina.Mema@interiorhealth.ca>; Tyler, Ingrid [FH] <ingrid.tyler@fraserhealth.ca>; Brodtkin, Elizabeth Dr. [FH] <Elizabeth.Brodtkin@fraserhealth.ca>

Cc: Naiman, Daniel HLTH:EX <Daniel.Naiman@gov.bc.ca>; Naiman, Daniel HLTH:EX <Daniel.Naiman@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: BC Hockey League Return to Play protocols - Request for Variance - Where should the teams go?

Importance: High

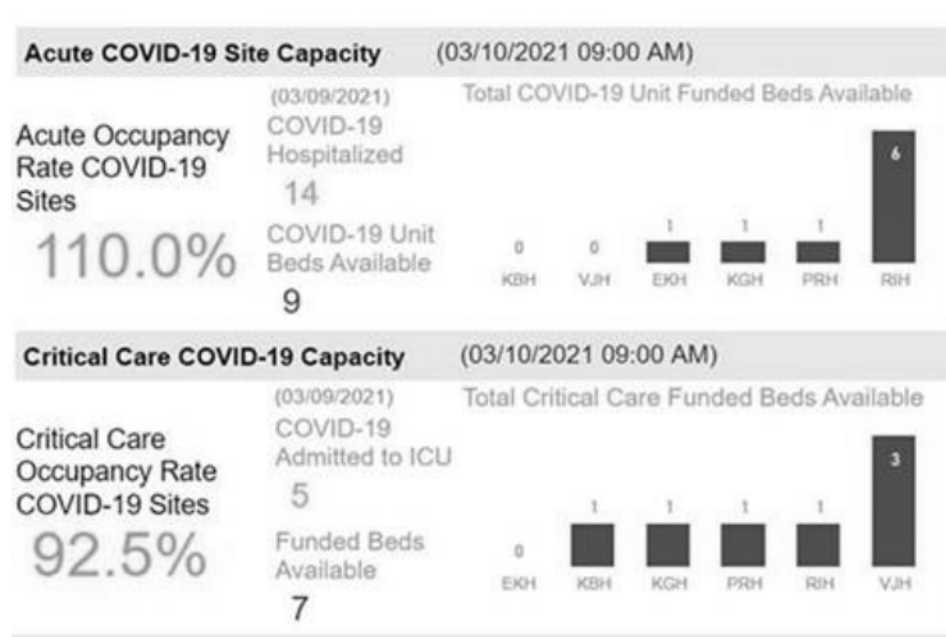
EXTERNAL SENDER. If you suspect this message is malicious, please forward to spam@phsa.ca and **do not** open attachments or click on links.

Thanks for the approval in principle for this request for a variance.

I understand there is some certainty wrt options 1 (3 hubs in Interior, 1 in Fraser) or option 2 (2 hubs each in Interior and Fraser - see below) so would appreciate that being nailed down this evening.

Although BCHL prefers option A I have heard that Interior Health prefers Option B, and not heard comment from Fraser Health. In answer to my question about how strong is the Interior preference for option B they said:

s.13



Brian

Dr. Brian P. Emerson, Deputy Provincial Health Officer (acting)

BC Ministry of Health, PO Box 9648 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9P1

T 250.952.1701 s.17

250.952. 1713 brian.emerson@gov.bc.ca

Option A (BCHL preferred):

Port Alberni Pod Island Health	Chilliwack Pod Fraser Health	Vernon Pod Interior Health	Penticton Pod Interior Health
Alberni Valley Bulldogs	Chilliwack Chiefs	Merritt Centennials	Penticton Vees
Cowichan Valley Capitals	Coquitlam Express	Salmon Arm Silverbacks	Powell River Kings
Nanaimo Clippers	Langley Rivermen	Vernon Vipers	West Kelowna Warriors
Victoria Grizzlies	Surrey Eagles	-	-

Option B:

Port Alberni Pod Island Health	Langley Pod Fraser Health	Chilliwack Pod Fraser Health	Vernon Pod Interior Health
Alberni Valley Bulldogs	Coquitlam Express	Chilliwack Chiefs	Salmon Arm Silverbacks
Cowichan Valley Capitals	Langley Rivermen	Merritt Centennials	Vernon Vipers
Nanaimo Clippers	Powell River Kings	Prince George Spruce Kings	West Kelowna Warriors
Victoria Grizzlies	Surrey Eagles	-	-

From: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX

Sent: March 9, 2021 8:14 AM

To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: XT:HLTH Stanwick, Richard <richard.stanwick@viha.ca>; XT:HLTH Brodtkin, Elizabeth <elizabeth.brodtkin@fraserhealth.ca>; Albert.deVilliers@interiorhealth.ca; XT:HLTH Fyfe, Murray <murray.fyfe@viha.ca>; Tyler, Ingrid Dr. HLTH:IN <ingrid.tyler@fraserhealth.ca>; XT:Mema, Dr. Silvina HLTH:IN <Silvina.Mema@interiorhealth.ca>; Naiman, Daniel HLTH:EX <Daniel.Naiman@gov.bc.ca>; Currie, David TACS:EX <David.Currie@gov.bc.ca>; Graham <graham.fraser17@gmail.com>; Steven Cocker <scocker@bchl.ca>; Daniel Naiman (Daniel.Naiman@gov.bc.ca) <Daniel.Naiman@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: BC Hockey League Return to Play protocols

Good morning.

Further to this request from the BCHL to return to play on April 2 in 4 or 5 pods, attached is an email letters of support from four Mayors, with one more to come from Port Alberni.

Note that they have clarified that although they refer to billeted players, those players have been billeted in their communities since last August or September, so the only people moving from one community to another to stay will be the teams coming to stay in hotels.

They are working on lining up medical support which I would expect to be in place by April.

A decision by end of today or tomorrow morning at the latest is needed, as the League needs to make a decision by tomorrow afternoon. I have alerted the Commissioner to the fact that even if a variance is granted, should circumstances change substantially, it could be withdrawn.

Thanks.

Brian

Dr. Brian P. Emerson, Deputy Provincial Health Officer (acting)

BC Ministry of Health, PO Box 9648 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9P1

T 250.952.1701 C^{s.17}

F. 250.952. 1713 brian.emerson@gov.bc.ca

From: Chris Hebb <chebb@bchl.ca>

Sent: March 7, 2021 9:18 AM

To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: XT:HLTH Stanwick, Richard <richard.stanwick@viha.ca>; XT:HLTH Brodtkin, Elizabeth <elizabeth.brodtkin@fraserhealth.ca>; Albert.deVilliers@interiorhealth.ca; XT:HLTH Fyfe, Murray <murray.fyfe@viha.ca>; Tyler, Ingrid Dr. HLTH:IN <ingrid.tyler@fraserhealth.ca>; XT:Mema, Dr. Silvina HLTH:IN <Silvina.Mema@interiorhealth.ca>; Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>; Naiman, Daniel HLTH:EX <Daniel.Naiman@gov.bc.ca>; Currie, David TACS:EX

<David.Currie@gov.bc.ca>; Graham <graham.fraser17@gmail.com>; Steven Cocker <scocker@bchl.ca>

Subject: BC Hockey League Return to Play protocols

Dr. Henry and Chief Medical Health Officers:

Please find attached a variance request letter and a detailed Return to Play document from the BC Hockey League. We have worked with PHO representatives to provide you with the information you have asked for and consolidated the two previous documents we submitted into one.

We have added many clarifications to our plan and answered the questions from Dr. Brian Emerson and Dr. Daniel Naiman submitted by health officers in the regions.

We would like to thank your group for working with us to get our players safely back on the ice. We look forward to hearing your feedback.

Best regards,

Chris Hebb

Commissioner

British Columbia Hockey League



Email: chebb@BCHL.ca

Cell: 604-861-7825 (PUCK)



CONFIDENTIAL EMAIL NOTIFICATION

This message, including any attachments, is privileged and may contain confidential information, strictly intended only and solely for the person (s) named above and within. Any other distribution, copying or disclosure is strictly prohibited.

Re: BC Hockey League Return to Play protocols - Request for Variance - FOR APPROVAL

From: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>
To: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX <Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca>, Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 12, 2021 9:21:52 AM PST
Attachments: image001.png, image004.jpg, image006.jpg, image008.jpg, image007.jpg, image005.png, image009.png

Please pass on my appreciation to Brian as well. This one was time consuming and difficult. Adrian

On Mar 12, 2021, at 9:08 AM, Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX" <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>
Date: March 12, 2021 at 8:57:47 AM PST
To: "Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX" <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: BC Hockey League Return to Play protocols - Request for Variance - FOR APPROVAL

Below is what we are sending to the BCHL this am

*Dr Bonnie Henry
Provincial Health Officer
Office of the PHO
Ministry of Health*

s.15; s.19

*Mailing address: PO Box 9648, STN PROV GOVT
Victoria, BC
V8W 9P4*

Bonnie.henry@gov.bc.ca

Phone: s.17; s.19

I gratefully acknowledge that I live and work on the traditional unceded territory of the Lekwungen Peoples, specifically the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations. Hay'sxw'qu Si'em

Warning: This email is intended only for the use of the individual or organization to whom it is addressed. It may contain information that is privileged or confidential. Any distribution, disclosure, copying, or other use by anyone else is strictly prohibited. If you have received this in error, please telephone or e-mail the sender immediately and delete the message.

From: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 12, 2021 7:41 AM
To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: BC Hockey League Return to Play protocols - Request for Variance - FOR APPROVAL

Importance: High

Hi Bonnie. Here is the proposed variance for approval. They are chomping at the bit to get their press release out so approval asap would be great.

Thanks.

Brian

Dear Chris Hebb, Commissioner, British Columbia Hockey League

Thank you for your request for reconsideration of the Provincial Health Officer *Gatherings and Events* order as applied to the BC Hockey League (BCHL) for the following variances:

1. **Travel:** One-time variance to the *Gathering and Events* order to allow sport-related travel for teams that will be housed in hotels to travel to and from the hub locations.
2. **Travel:** Ongoing variance to the *Gathering and Events* order for child and youth sport-related travel for cross-hub gameplay from April 2nd and May 15th.
3. **Child & Youth Sport Contact & Competition:** Variance to *Gathering and Events* order to allow child and youth sport contact and competition for pre-season and season hockey activities between April 2nd and May 15th

I have reviewed your request and Return to Play protocol, and it has been reviewed by medical health officers and public health staff in the affect regions. I have taken into consideration their input and appreciate that you are open to continuing to work with the local public health staff on further details. In particular I note that the pod concept limits the amount of team travel and teams interacting, there is a fourteen day quarantine period in place to reduce the risk of virus introduction, strict protocols are in place to limit interaction between players and the communities, strict protocols are in place to reduce the risk of transmission between players, coaches and staff, and that you have appointed a medical advisor.

Based on our review I am satisfied that adherence to your proposed plan, including revisions provided as conditions below, and adherence to any further conditions required by the regional medical health officer will meet the objectives of the order to help against exposure and transmission of the SARS-CoV-1 virus. Therefore it is my opinion that this the BCHL can return to play as long as the safety plan is implemented with the following conditions, and as long as you follow the other applicable requirements of the *Gatherings and Events* order posted on my website at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>.

The conditions of this variance are that you must work with the local public officials to complete the following prior to the start of play on April 2:

1. You must implement the pod arrangement plan appended below. Any changes to the pods must be approved by me, and will involve consultation with the medical health officers.
2. Develop a player, coach and staff testing plan, including testing provider, frequency and type as advised by your medical advisor.
3. Strengthen the isolation plan to be stricter around the billet family AND through the entirety of play AND two weeks after the season ends.
4. Provide additional information regarding response to cases and contacts. A plan should be developed to include response actions and definitions (e.g. pre-made definitions of close contacts).
5. Provide additional details on the role of the chief medical officer.
6. Clarify that people designated as compliance officers have the authority to independently speak with the medical advisor and public health, rather than through coaches or other intermediaries.
7. Clarify that team staff and player leaders will educate players about behaviour away from the rink to understand public protocols on safe

physical distancing and hygiene. Provide additional details regarding what is included in this education.

Please note that this variance does not have an expiry date but may be amended or withdrawn at any time by the Provincial Health Officer should conditions exist that warrant doing so in the interests of protecting public health. In addition, the medical health officer may recommend additional conditions to this variance that I may impose on a site- or region-specific basis.

In conclusion, pursuant to section 43 (3) (c) of the *Public Health Act* (excerpt below), I am varying the order as requested, with the above conditions, to allow the BCHL to return to play. The other conditions of the order, as applicable, continue to be in force.

If you have any questions or concerns about this decision, please let me know.

Public Health Act excerpt

Reconsideration of orders

43 (3) After considering a request for reconsideration, a health officer may do one or more of the following:

(a) reject the request on the basis that the information submitted in support of the request

(i) is not relevant, or

(ii) was reasonably available at the time the order was issued;

(b) delay the date the order is to take effect or suspend the order, if satisfied that doing so would not be detrimental to public health;

(c) confirm, rescind or vary the order.

Pod Arrangement Plan

<image001.png>

Dr Bonnie Henry signature block

From: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX

Sent: March 12, 2021 7:01 AM

To: 'Brodkin, Elizabeth Dr. [FH]' <Elizabeth.Brodkin@fraserhealth.ca>; Tyler, Ingrid Dr. HLTH:IN <ingrid.tyler@fraserhealth.ca>

Cc: Naiman, Daniel HLTH:EX <Daniel.Naiman@gov.bc.ca>; Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: BC Hockey League Return to Play protocols - Request for Variance - Where should the teams go?

Hi Elizabeth, Ingrid and Bonnie

Just wanted you to be aware of a minor change in this proposal and hope not an issue for you – the Langley hub will now operate out of Coquitlam instead. See new and former arrangements below.

Plan is to issue the variance today and BCHL will make an announcement.

Bonnie – I previously mentioned to you but as a reminder we have heard from viaSport that there may be some negative reaction from other sectors of sport wrt a perception that the BCHL is getting preferential treatment in that they are returning to play ahead of other child and youth sport sectors. The counterpoint would be that they have almost run out of time to have a season. This will increase the pressure for children and youth return to sport. Starting allude to likely return to children and youth sport could help mitigate this.

New plan

<image001.png>

Previous plan

<image009.png>

Thanks.

Brian

Dr. Brian P. Emerson, Deputy Provincial Health Officer (acting)
BC Ministry of Health, PO Box 9648 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W
9P1

T 250.952.1701 ^{s.17}

F. 250.952. 1713

brian.emerson@gov.bc.ca

From: Brodtkin, Elizabeth Dr. [FH] <Elizabeth.Brodtkin@fraserhealth.ca>

Sent: March 10, 2021 4:56 PM

To: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>; Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>; XT:HLTH Stanwick, Richard <richard.stanwick@viha.ca>; XT:HLTH Fyfe, Murray <murray.fyfe@viha.ca>; Albert.deVilliers@interiorhealth.ca; XT:Mema, Dr. Silvina HLTH:IN <Silvina.Mema@interiorhealth.ca>; Tyler, Ingrid Dr. HLTH:IN <ingrid.tyler@fraserhealth.ca>

Cc: Naiman, Daniel HLTH:EX <Daniel.Naiman@gov.bc.ca>; Naiman, Daniel HLTH:EX <Daniel.Naiman@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: BC Hockey League Return to Play protocols - Request for Variance - Where should the teams go?

[EXTERNAL] This email came from an external source. Only open attachments or links that you are expecting from a known sender.

We support IHA. Option B.

Dr. Elizabeth Brodtkin, MD, FCFP, MHSc, FRCPC

Vice President Population Health and Chief Medical Health Officer

Fraser Health

Phone: ^{s.17}

Executive Assistant

Courtney.Morimoto@fraserhealth.ca

From: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 4:53 PM

To: Henry, Bonnie [EXT] <bonnie.henry@gov.bc.ca>; Stanwick, Richard (Dr) [VIHA] <Richard.Stanwick@viha.ca>; Fyfe, Murray W. (Dr) [VIHA] <Murray.Fyfe@viha.ca>; Albert.deVilliers@interiorhealth.ca; Mema, Dr. Silvina [IHA] <Silvina.Mema@interiorhealth.ca>; Tyler, Ingrid [FH] <ingrid.tyler@fraserhealth.ca>; Brodtkin, Elizabeth Dr. [FH] <Elizabeth.Brodtkin@fraserhealth.ca>

Cc: Naiman, Daniel HLTH:EX <Daniel.Naiman@gov.bc.ca>; Naiman, Daniel HLTH:EX <Daniel.Naiman@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: BC Hockey League Return to Play protocols - Request for Variance - Where should the teams go?

Importance: High

EXTERNAL SENDER. If you suspect this message is malicious, please forward to spam@phsa.ca and **do not** open attachments or click on links.

Thanks for the approval in principle for this request for a variance.

I understand there is some certainty wrt options 1 (3 hubs in Interior, 1 in Fraser) or option 2 (2 hubs each in Interior and Fraser - see below) so would appreciate that being nailed down this evening.

Although BCHL prefers option A I have heard that Interior Health prefers Option B, and not heard comment from Fraser Health. In answer to my question about how strong is the Interior preference for option B they said:

<image004.jpg>

Brian

Dr. Brian P. Emerson, Deputy Provincial Health Officer (acting)
BC Ministry of Health, PO Box 9648 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W
9P1

T 250.952.1701 C^{s.17}

F. 250.952. 1713

brian.emerson@gov.bc.ca

<image005.png>

From: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX

Sent: March 9, 2021 8:14 AM

To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: XT:HLTH Stanwick, Richard <richard.stanwick@viha.ca>; XT:HLTH Brodtkin, Elizabeth <elizabeth.brodtkin@fraserhealth.ca>; Albert.deVilliers@interiorhealth.ca; XT:HLTH Fyfe, Murray <murray.fyfe@viha.ca>; Tyler, Ingrid Dr. HLTH:IN <ingrid.tyler@fraserhealth.ca>; XT:Mema, Dr. Silvina HLTH:IN <Silvina.Mema@interiorhealth.ca>; Naiman, Daniel HLTH:EX <Daniel.Naiman@gov.bc.ca>; Currie, David TACS:EX <David.Currie@gov.bc.ca>; Graham <graham.fraser17@gmail.com>; Steven Cocker <scocker@bchl.ca>; Daniel Naiman (<Daniel.Naiman@gov.bc.ca> <Daniel.Naiman@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: BC Hockey League Return to Play protocols

Good morning.

Further to this request from the BCHL to return to play on April 2 in 4 or 5 pods, attached is an email letters of support from four Mayors, with one more to come from Port Alberni.

Note that they have clarified that although they refer to billeted players, those players have been billeted in their communities since last August or September, so the only people moving from one community to another to stay will be the teams coming to stay in hotels.

They are working on lining up medical support which I would expect to be in place by April.

A decision by end of today or tomorrow morning at the latest is needed, as the League needs to make a decision by tomorrow afternoon. I have alerted the Commissioner to the fact that even if a variance is granted, should circumstances change substantially, it could be withdrawn.

Thanks.

Brian

Dr. Brian P. Emerson, Deputy Provincial Health Officer (acting)
BC Ministry of Health, PO Box 9648 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W
9P1

T 250.952.1701 C^{s.17} . 250.952. 1713

brian.emerson@gov.bc.ca

From: Chris Hebb <chebb@bchl.ca>

Sent: March 7, 2021 9:18 AM

To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: XT:HLTH Stanwick, Richard <richard.stanwick@viha.ca>; XT:HLTH Brodtkin, Elizabeth <elizabeth.brodtkin@fraserhealth.ca>; Albert.deVilliers@interiorhealth.ca; XT:HLTH Fyfe, Murray <murray.fyfe@viha.ca>; Tyler, Ingrid Dr. HLTH:IN <ingrid.tyler@fraserhealth.ca>; XT:Mema, Dr. Silvina HLTH:IN <Silvina.Mema@interiorhealth.ca>; Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>; Naiman, Daniel HLTH:EX <Daniel.Naiman@gov.bc.ca>; Currie, David TACS:EX <David.Currie@gov.bc.ca>; Graham <graham.fraser17@gmail.com>; Steven Cocker <scocker@bchl.ca>

Subject: BC Hockey League Return to Play protocols

Dr. Henry and Chief Medical Health Officers:

Please find attached a variance request letter and a detailed Return to Play document from the BC Hockey League. We have worked with PHO representatives to provide you with the information you have asked for and consolidated the two previous documents we submitted into one.

We have added many clarifications to our plan and answered the questions from Dr. Brian Emerson and Dr. Daniel Naiman submitted by health officers in the regions.

We would like to thank your group for working with us to get our players safely back on the ice. We look forward to hearing your feedback.

Best regards,

Chris Hebb

Commissioner

British Columbia Hockey League

<image006.jpg>

Email: chebb@BCHL.ca

Cell: 604-861-7825 (PUCK)

<image007.jpg>

<image008.jpg>

CONFIDENTIAL EMAIL NOTIFICATION

This message, including any attachments, is privileged and may contain confidential information, strictly intended only and solely for the person (s) named above and within. Any other distribution, copying or disclosure is strictly prohibited.

Final Updated PHO Orders and Memo to the Minister - FOR APPROVAL

From: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>
To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>, Brown, Stephen R HLTH:EX <Stephen.Brown@gov.bc.ca>, XT:Ballem, Penny HLTH:IN <pballem@telus.net>
Sent: March 14, 2021 1:24:46 PM PDT
Attachments: PHO Order Memo - Immunization Mar 14 2021.doc, Emergency Medical Assistants - COVID-19 Immunization Order - Final - March 14.docx, RE: Updated PHO Immunization Orders - drafts for consultation - confidential, Regulated and Unregulated Health Professionals - COVID-19 Immunization Order - March 14 final.docx

Minister,

Please find attached a memo indicating the updates to the PHO order for COVID immunizers that I intend to post tomorrow.

Please let me know if you have any concerns.

My best,

Bonnie

Dr Bonnie Henry

Provincial Health Officer

Office of the PHO

Ministry of Health

s.15; s.19

Mailing address: PO Box 9648, STN PROV GOVT

Victoria, BC

V8W 9P4

Bonnie.henry@gov.bc.ca

Phone: s.17; s.19

I gratefully acknowledge that I live and work on the traditional unceded territory of the Lekwungen Peoples, specifically the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations. Hay'sxw'qu Si'em

Warning: This email is intended only for the use of the individual or organization to whom it is addressed. It may contain information that is privileged or confidential. Any distribution, disclosure, copying, or other use by anyone else is strictly prohibited. If you have received this in error, please telephone or e-mail the sender immediately and delete the message.

Page 027 of 150 to/à Page 034 of 150

Withheld pursuant to/removed as

s.13

RE: Updated PHO Immunization Orders - drafts for consultation - confidential

From: Heidi M. Oetter <hoetter@cpsbc.ca>
To: Bennett, Christopher HLTH:EX <Christopher.Bennett@gov.bc.ca>, Dental Surgeons <registraroffice@cdsbc.org>, Nurses <Cynthia.Johansen@bccnp.ca>, Dental Hygienists <JLawrence@cdhbc.com>, Pharmacists <Bob.Nakagawa@bcpharmacists.org>, MacKinnon, Darlene EHS:EX <Darlene.MacKinnon@bcehs.ca>, Baranowski, Leon EHS:EX <Leon.Baranowski@bcehs.ca>, Wan, Wilson EHS:EX <Wilson.Wan@bcehs.ca>
Cc: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>, Julie Sherle <jsherle@cpsbc.ca>, Westgate, Brian A HLTH:EX <Brian.Westgate@gov.bc.ca>, MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX <Mark.MacKinnon@gov.bc.ca>, Rains, Derek HLTH:EX <Derek.Rains@gov.bc.ca>, Prodan-Bhalla, Natasha L HLTH:EX <Natasha.Prodan-Bhalla@gov.bc.ca>, Corinne de Bruin <cdebruin@CPSBC.CA>
Sent: March 10, 2021 3:25:17 PM PST

[EXTERNAL] This email came from an external source. Only open attachments or links that you are expecting from a known sender.

Dear Chris,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this emergency order. We think it is clear that it applies to retired physicians who are not otherwise eligible for emergency registration, and to IMGs who are not otherwise eligible for any form of registration with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC.

We will be preparing a communication to go out to our health authority partners once this order is "live" to help the medical affairs offices understand the difference between a physician who holds emergency registration versus a retired or IMG physician that does not hold registration and must be trained, assessed as competent, and do their work under supervision.

We will also provide advice to our health authority partners as to how to get verification of medical degree and the part 1 exam.

Best wishes,
Heidi

Heidi M. Oetter, MD
Registrar and CEO
hoetter@cpsbc.ca
Pronouns: she, her, hers

College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC
300-669 Howe Street
Vancouver, BC V6C 0B4
604-733-7758
www.cpsbc.ca
[Twitter](#) | [Facebook](#) | [LinkedIn](#)

Serving the public by regulating physicians and surgeons

The College is located on the unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples, including the territories of the xʷməθkwəyəm, Skwxwú7mesh, and Səlilwətaʔ/Selilwitulh Nations.

The content of this email communication, including any attachments, is considered confidential, privileged or otherwise exempt from disclosure. It is intended only for the person(s) to whom it is addressed, and further distribution is strictly prohibited without the consent of

From: Bennett, Christopher HLTH:EX <Christopher.Bennett@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 2:58 PM
To: Dental Surgeons <registrarsoffice@cdsbc.org>; Nurses <Cynthia.Johansen@bccnp.ca>; Dental Hygienists <JLawrence@cdhbc.com>; Heidi M. Oetter <hoetter@cpsbc.ca>; Pharmacists <Bob.Nakagawa@bcpharmacists.org>; MacKinnon, Darlene EHS:EX <Darlene.MacKinnon@bcehs.ca>; Baranowski, Leon EHS:EX <Leon.Baranowski@bcehs.ca>; Wan, Wilson EHS:EX <Wilson.Wan@bcehs.ca>
Cc: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>; Westgate, Brian A HLTH:EX <Brian.Westgate@gov.bc.ca>; MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX <Mark.MacKinnon@gov.bc.ca>; Rains, Derek HLTH:EX <Derek.Rains@gov.bc.ca>; Prodan-Bhalla, Natasha L HLTH:EX <Natasha.Prodan-Bhalla@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Updated PHO Immunization Orders - drafts for consultation - confidential

Good Afternoon,

On February 23, 2021, the Provincial Health Officer made two orders ([Regulated and Unregulated Health Professionals SARS-CoV-2 Immunization Order](#) and [Emergency Medical Assistants SARS-CoV-2 Immunization Order](#)) to allow a range of health professionals and occupations to temporarily provide COVID-19 immunization services during the declared COVID-19 public health emergency. These orders were made in response to the anticipated high number of vaccinations required as a part of BC's COVID-19 Immunization Plan.

Attached are two draft orders for your comment and consideration. These proposed orders would replace the existing orders mentioned above. Given the urgency related to implementing the province's COVID-19 immunization plan we are requesting feedback on the proposed orders by **9am, Friday March 12, 2021**, my apologies for the very short timelines. Feedback should be submitted via email to PROREGADMIN@gov.bc.ca and Christopher.Bennett@gov.bc.ca. As a part of the order development process this feedback will be shared with both the Minister of Health and the Provincial Health Officer for their consideration.

These proposed orders would make a number of changes (as compared to the existing orders), including:

- Add additional health professionals and occupations who can provide COVID-19 immunization services temporarily under the order, including:
 - Retired medical practitioners, retired licensed practical nurses, retired registered psychiatric nurses and retired midwives who are not registered with their regulatory college (intended for those who are not eligible for temporary emergency registration with the colleges). The health authorities/employer would be responsible to:
 - ensure these practitioners have completed the training,
 - assess the competence of each practitioner,
 - ensure appropriate supervision, and
 - assume liability related to these retired individuals.
 - Dental therapists
 - International Medical Graduates (not eligible for registration with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC) who have met specific qualifying requirements, including:
 - a medical degree from a medical school outside of Canada listed in the [World Directory of Medical Schools](#), which includes a sponsor note indicating it is an acceptable medical school in Canada,
 - a medical degree that has been verified by physicianapply.ca, and successful completion of the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Exam (MCCQE) Part 1
 - proof of British Columbia residence
- Streamlining training requirements—it was identified that the full BCCDC Immunization Course (C1 in the orders) and abbreviated Immunization Course (C2) encompass many of the other training components outlined in the current orders. Following this, some of the training requirements outlined in the orders have been streamlined and hyperlinks updated.
- Streamline training/tweak scope of services—minor amendments to some of the training requirements and the scope of COVID-19 immunization services that some professionals would be permitted to provide.

As these orders are subject to government review and decisions by the Minister of Health and Provincial Health Officer, please treat them as highly confidential and do not share or distribute outside of your organization and within your organization only to a few individuals whose feedback is critical for your review and response and who understand the confidential nature of these draft orders.

Note: the above list of professions does not include health professionals who are already authorized to provide COVID-19 immunization services as per their current scope of services.

As noted above, these orders are time limited and would only apply during the declared COVID-19 public health emergency and are not permanent changes to scope of practice.

Thanks and again my apologies for the short turn-around on this consultation.

Chris

Chris Bennett

Director, Regulatory Initiatives
Professional Regulation and Oversight
Health Sector Workforce and Beneficiary Services Division
Ministry of Health
Christopher.Bennett@gov.bc.ca
250.952.1991

Page 038 of 150 to/à Page 054 of 150

Withheld pursuant to/removed as

s.13

Fwd: REVISED GRAPHICS: Phases + Timeline Deck/social

From: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>
To: Brown, Stephen R HLTH:EX <Stephen.Brown@gov.bc.ca>, Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 18, 2021 6:45:43 AM PDT
Attachments: C19 Graphic_03_17_Immunization_plan-59.png, C19 Graphic_0303_vaccines-75.png

Could we think about including all Indigenous people over 18 in Phase 3 rather than breaking up the younger adults? As we discussed briefly yesterday this would allow the Aboriginal Friendship Centre clinics to serve the whole population and would be seen as committed to our whole of community approach. The HAs can manage it and it would be a needed support for FNHA right now.

My thoughts
Bonnie

Dr Bonnie Henry
Provincial Health Officer
Ministry of Health
Bonnie.henry@gov.bc.ca
s.17; s.19

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Grieve, Chandler GCPE:EX" <Chandler.Grieve@gov.bc.ca>
Date: March 18, 2021 at 6:24:35 AM PDT
To: "Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX" <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>, "Brown, Stephen R HLTH:EX" <Stephen.Brown@gov.bc.ca>, "Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX" <Kirsten.Youngs@gov.bc.ca>, "MacDonald, Alex HLTH:EX" <Alex.MacDonald@gov.bc.ca>, "XT:Ballem, Penny HLTH:IN" <pballem@telus.net>
Subject: Fwd: REVISED GRAPHICS: Phases + Timeline Deck/social

Hey all,
It may be too late to get into the deck for this morning's briefings but we have two updated graphics to reflect priority frontline workers and adjusted timeline. Possible to review and include in the decks for 1? Good content for media to have and share.
Thanks - CG

Page 056 of 150 to/à Page 059 of 150

Withheld pursuant to/removed as

s.13

FW: EOC Report TFW March 18, 2021

From: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>
To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>, Brown, Stephen R HLTH:EX <Stephen.Brown@gov.bc.ca>, XT:Ballem, Penny HLTH:IN <pballem@telus.net>, Wanamaker, Lori PREM:EX <Lori.Wanamaker@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 18, 2021 11:23:44 AM PDT
Attachments: TFW day vacc clinic.jpg

I am so so proud of this team and the decision we made last year to care for TFW.

Bonnie

Dr Bonnie Henry

Provincial Health Officer

Office of the PHO

Ministry of Health

s.15; s.19

Mailing address: PO Box 9648, STN PROV GOVT

Victoria, BC

V8W 9P4

Bonnie.henry@gov.bc.ca

Phone:s.17; s.19

I gratefully acknowledge that I live and work on the traditional unceded territory of the Lekwungen Peoples, specifically the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations. Hay'sxw'qu Si'em

Warning: This email is intended only for the use of the individual or organization to whom it is addressed. It may contain information that is privileged or confidential. Any distribution, disclosure, copying, or other use by anyone else is strictly prohibited. If you have received this in error, please telephone or e-mail the sender immediately and delete the message.

From: Irwin, Michelle A AFF:EX <Michelle.Irwin@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 18, 2021 11:17 AM

To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Tucker, Shannon AFF:EX <Shannon.Tucker@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: EOC Report TFW March 18, 2021

Dr. Bonnie,

I can not begin to describe what it feels like, after a year of struggle providing support to this vulnerable TFW population, to have the Mexican Consulate program officer call me in tears thanking me on behalf of his people last night.

I was thrilled when the vaccination decision was made, and I am extremely proud of the efforts of our entire TFW Program team in pulling this week's clinic together. Its been hours of overtime in addressing the logistics challenges.

I'm attaching a cropped picture of a worker who, like many others yesterday, was snapping pictures of himself after he got his vaccine—proudly showing off his little round Band-Aid. Many TFWs were quick to send photos to the consulate staff and back home to their family. They feel cared for and supported in BC. The Mexican Consul General apparently sent a note of gratitude to the Minister of Agriculture for making this happen in the quarantine program.

You should know that all of us are extremely proud to be a part of this effort and work in a Province that has led the way in protecting the health and welfare of TFWs who's work puts food on our tables.

Kin Regards,

Michelle Irwin | Labour Operations Manager | Labour Unit | BC Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Fisheries | **778-974-5792**

From: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 18, 2021 10:54 AM

To: Irwin, Michelle A AFF:EX <Michelle.Irwin@gov.bc.ca>; bobbi.brownrigg@bccdc.ca; Hrycuik, Lorie HLTH:EX <Lorie.Hrycuik@gov.bc.ca>; jillian.arkles@bccdc.ca; jonathan.malo@bccdc.ca; Kaur, RavinderPal [VCH <RavinderPal.Kaur@vch.ca>]; Tucker, Shannon AFF:EX <Shannon.Tucker@gov.bc.ca>; Stephens, Laurel [VCH <Laurel.Stephens@vch.ca>]; Sterloff, Trish HLTH:EX <Trish.Sterloff@gov.bc.ca>;

TFWcovidnurse@vch.ca; Yogeeta.Dosanjh@vch.ca

Subject: RE: EOC Report TFW March 18, 2021

Happy news about the vaccines!

Dr Bonnie Henry

Provincial Health Officer

Office of the PHO

Ministry of Health

s.15; s.19

Mailing address: PO Box 9648, STN PROV GOVT

Victoria, BC

V8W 9P4

Bonnie.henry@gov.bc.ca

Phone: s.17; s.19

I gratefully acknowledge that I live and work on the traditional unceded territory of the Lekwungen Peoples, specifically the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations. Hay'sxw'qu Si'em

Warning: This email is intended only for the use of the individual or organization to whom it is addressed. It may contain information that is privileged or confidential. Any distribution, disclosure, copying, or other use by anyone else is strictly prohibited. If you have received this in error, please telephone or e-mail the sender immediately and delete the message.

From: Irwin, Michelle A AFF:EX <Michelle.Irwin@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 18, 2021 10:17 AM

To: bobbi.brownrigg@bccdc.ca; Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>; Hrycuik, Lorie HLTH:EX <Lorie.Hrycuik@gov.bc.ca>; jillian.arkles@bccdc.ca; jonathan.malo@bccdc.ca; Kaur, RavinderPal [VCH] <RavinderPal.Kaur@vch.ca>; Tucker, Shannon AFF:EX <Shannon.Tucker@gov.bc.ca>; Stephens, Laurel [VCH] <Laurel.Stephens@vch.ca>; Sterloff, Trish HLTH:EX <Trish.Sterloff@gov.bc.ca>; TFWcovidnurse@vch.ca; Yogeeta.Dosanjh@vch.ca

Subject: FW: EOC Report TFW March 18, 2021

Forwarding the TFW EOC- Happy Thursday 😊

Regards,

Michelle Irwin | Labour Operations Manager | Labour Unit | BC Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Fisheries | 778-974-5792

From: TFW Covid Nurse <tfwcovidnurse@vch.ca>

Sent: March 18, 2021 10:07 AM

To: XT:Blackburn, Lorraine HLTH:IN <Lorraine.Blackburn@vch.ca>; Prodan-Bhalla, Natasha L HLTH:EX <Natasha.Prodan-Bhalla@gov.bc.ca>; Barclay, Karen [VCH] <Karen.Barclay2@vch.ca>; Richmond EOC <RichmondEOC@vch.ca>; Swallow-franks, Alison [VCH] <Alison.SwalwellFranks@vch.ca>; Dosanjh, Yogeeta [VCH] <Yogeeta.Dosanjh@vch.ca>; Wiens, Cheryl AFF:EX <Cheryl.Wiens@gov.bc.ca>; Filipski, Marta [VCH] <Marta.Filipski@vch.ca>; Irwin, Michelle A AFF:EX <Michelle.Irwin@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: EOC Report TFW March 18, 2021

[EXTERNAL] This email came from an external source. Only open attachments or links that you are expecting from a known sender.

Good morning,

Here is our EOC report for today, March 18th - we've been busy with vaccines. Please see attached.

Have a great day,

Laurel Stephens MSc(A), RN

Clinical Coordinator, Temporary Foreign Worker Self-Isolation Program

Vancouver Coastal Health

work 604-614-7789

cell 778-990-4657

email laurel.stephens@vch.ca

Page 062 of 150

Withheld pursuant to/removed as

s.22

FW: URGENT - PHO Orders EMA Immunization Order and Memo to the Minister - FOR APPROVAL AND SENDING TO MINISTER

From: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>
To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>, MacDonald, Alex HLTH:EX <Alex.MacDonald@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 18, 2021 5:46:52 PM PDT
Attachments: PHO Order Memo - EMA Immunization Mar 18 2021.doc, Emergency Medical Assistants - COVID-19 Immunization Order - March 18 - final.docx

Minister,

Please find attached amended PHO orders that allow for an abbreviated course for paramedic immunizers and provision for remote supervision.

I intend to post these asap to enable clinics this weekend that will be staffed by paramedics.

My best,

Bonnie

Dr Bonnie Henry

Provincial Health Officer

Office of the PHO

Ministry of Health

s.15; s.19

Mailing address: PO Box 9648, STN PROV GOVT

Victoria, BC

V8W 9P4

Bonnie.henry@gov.bc.ca

Phone: s.17; s.19

I gratefully acknowledge that I live and work on the traditional unceded territory of the Lekwungen Peoples, specifically the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations. Hay'sxw'qu Si'em

Warning: This email is intended only for the use of the individual or organization to whom it is addressed. It may contain information that is privileged or confidential. Any distribution, disclosure, copying, or other use by anyone else is strictly prohibited. If you have received this in error, please telephone or e-mail the sender immediately and delete the message.

From: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 18, 2021 4:40 PM

To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: URGENT - PHO Orders EMA Immunization Order and Memo to the Minister - FOR APPROVAL AND SENDING TO MINISTER

Importance: High

Hi Bonnie.

Here is the revised Emergency Medical Assistants order for your approval and memo to the Minister.

This will enable paramedics to take the shorter course (3.5 hrs vs 15.0 hrs) which is just being put on line by BCCDC, and will allow for virtual supervision.

The consultation with EHS did not result in any objections.

This is a rush as we need it to enable Northern Health to start immunizing industrial camps with paramedics this weekend.

If you approve please send to the Minister as the regulation requires that the PHO notify the Minister before publishing the order, and please copy me.

I will arrange for posting once you have notified the Minister.

Thanks.

Brian

Dr. Brian P. Emerson, Deputy Provincial Health Officer (acting)

BC Ministry of Health, PO Box 9648 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9P1

T 250.952.1701 C s.17

. 250.952. 1713 brian.emerson@gov.bc.ca

From: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX

Sent: February 22, 2021 4:55 PM

To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: Final PHO Orders and Memo to the Minister - FOR APPROVAL

Importance: High

Hi Bonnie.

Per below, here are the final orders and memo to the Minister for approval and sending to the Minister.

The regulation requires that the PHO notify the Minister before publishing the order, and the Minister can provide directions i.e.

When emergency order may be made

12 (2) The provincial health officer must not make an emergency order without first doing all of the following:

- (a) giving notice to the minister of the proposed order;
- (b) making reasonable efforts to consult with all applicable colleges for the purpose of forming the opinion referred to in subsection (1);
- (c) advising the minister of any objections made by the applicable colleges and
 - (i) how the order addresses those objections, or
 - (ii) why those objections cannot be accommodated.

Minister retains discretion over health professions

17 The provincial health officer must comply with any direction of the minister with respect to the following:

- (a) not making a proposed emergency order;
- (b) making changes to a proposed emergency order;
- (c) rescinding or modifying an emergency order.

If OK with you please forward to the Minister and let me know.

Once the Minister has been notified I can finalize and publish the orders (assuming he does not provide any directions).

The only feedback I got from Chief MHOs was from Island Health as follows:

Dee suggests:

s.13

Thanks.

Brian

Dr. Brian P. Emerson, Deputy Provincial Health Officer (acting)

BC Ministry of Health, PO Box 9648 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9P1

T 250.952.1701 C ^{s.17}

F. 250.952. 1713 brian.emerson@gov.bc.ca

From: Bennett, Christopher HLTH:EX <Christopher.Bennett@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: February 22, 2021 3:30 PM

To: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Armitage, Mark W HLTH:EX <Mark.Armitage@gov.bc.ca>; MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX

<Mark.MacKinnon@gov.bc.ca>; Westgate, Brian A HLTH:EX <Brian.Westgate@gov.bc.ca>; Younker, Katherine E HLTH:EX <Katherine.Younker@gov.bc.ca>; Prodan-Bhalla, Natasha L HLTH:EX <Natasha.Prodan-Bhalla@gov.bc.ca>;

Stewart, Sharon A HLTH:EX <Sharon.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Final PHO Orders and Memo to the Minister

Importance: High

Hi Brian,

Attached are the final PHO Immunization Orders. We have heard from each of the applicable colleges and BC Emergency Health Services and none of have raised any objections with the proposed orders. Some had comments/questions about implementation (e.g. where services would be provided, what supervision would look like, etc.), which we have flagged for clarification, when the orders have been finalized.

Based on feedback received, we have included two proposed content changes to the orders:

s.13

There were additionally several technical drafting/grammar issues that were identified that have been corrected that do not impact the policy intent of the orders.

Lastly I have attached a memo also to be signed by the PHO that will need to be sent to the Minister informing him of the orders and that the applicable colleges have been consulted.

Thanks and please let me know if you have any questions, have any further changes or would like to discuss.

Chris

Chris Bennett

A/Director, Regulatory Initiatives

Professional Regulation and Oversight

Health Sector Workforce and Beneficiary Services Division

Ministry of Health

Christopher.Bennett@gov.bc.ca

250.952.1991

Page 066 of 150 to/à Page 073 of 150

Withheld pursuant to/removed as

s.13

Re: URGENT - PHO Orders EMA Immunization Order and Memo to the Minister - FOR APPROVAL AND SENDING TO MINISTER

From: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>
To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 18, 2021 6:26:09 PM PDT

Excellent

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 18, 2021, at 5:46 PM, Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Minister,

Please find attached amended PHO orders that allow for an abbreviated course for paramedic immunizers and provision for remote supervision.

I intend to post these asap to enable clinics this weekend that will be staffed by paramedics.

My best,

Bonnie

Dr Bonnie Henry

Provincial Health Officer

Office of the PHO

Ministry of Health

s.15; s.19

Mailing address: PO Box 9648, STN PROV GOVT

Victoria, BC

V8W 9P4

Bonnie.henry@gov.bc.ca

Phones.17; s.19

I gratefully acknowledge that I live and work on the traditional unceded territory of the Lekwungen Peoples, specifically the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations. Hay'sxw'qu Si'em

Warning: This email is intended only for the use of the individual or organization to whom it is addressed. It may contain information that is privileged or confidential. Any distribution, disclosure, copying, or other use by anyone else is strictly prohibited. If you have received this in error, please telephone or e-mail the sender immediately and delete the message.

From: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 18, 2021 4:40 PM

To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: URGENT - PHO Orders EMA Immunization Order and Memo to the Minister - FOR APPROVAL AND SENDING TO MINISTER

Importance: High

Hi Bonnie.

Here is the revised Emergency Medical Assistants order for your approval and memo to the Minister.

This will enable paramedics to take the shorter course (3.5 hrs vs 15.0 hrs) which is just being put on line by BCCDC, and will allow for virtual supervision.

The consultation with EHS did not result in any objections.

This is a rush as we need it to enable Northern Health to start immunizing industrial camps with paramedics this weekend.

If you approve please send to the Minister as the regulation requires that the PHO notify the Minister before publishing the order, and please copy me.

I will arrange for posting once you have notified the Minister.

Thanks.

Brian

Dr. Brian P. Emerson, Deputy Provincial Health Officer (acting)
BC Ministry of Health, PO Box 9648 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9P1
T 250.952.1701 C ^{s.17} F. 250.952. 1713 brian.emerson@gov.bc.ca

From: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX

Sent: February 22, 2021 4:55 PM

To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: Final PHO Orders and Memo to the Minister - FOR APPROVAL

Importance: High

Hi Bonnie.

Per below, here are the final orders and memo to the Minister for approval and sending to the Minister.

The regulation requires that the PHO notify the Minister before publishing the order, and the Minister can provide directions i.e.

When emergency order may be made

12 (2) The provincial health officer must not make an emergency order without first doing all of the following:

- (a) giving notice to the minister of the proposed order;
- (b) making reasonable efforts to consult with all applicable colleges for the purpose of forming the opinion referred to in subsection (1);
- (c) advising the minister of any objections made by the applicable colleges and
 - (i) how the order addresses those objections, or
 - (ii) why those objections cannot be accommodated.

Minister retains discretion over health professions

17 The provincial health officer must comply with any direction of the minister with respect to the following:

- (a) not making a proposed emergency order;
- (b) making changes to a proposed emergency order;
- (c) rescinding or modifying an emergency order.

If OK with you please forward to the Minister and let me know.

Once the Minister has been notified I can finalize and publish the orders (assuming he does not provide any directions).

The only feedback I got from Chief MHOs was from Island Health as follows:

Dee suggests:

s.13

Thanks.
Brian

Dr. Brian P. Emerson, Deputy Provincial Health Officer (acting)
BC Ministry of Health, PO Box 9648 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9P1
T 250.952.1701 C ^{s.17} F. 250.952. 1713 brian.emerson@gov.bc.ca

From: Bennett, Christopher HLTH:EX <Christopher.Bennett@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: February 22, 2021 3:30 PM

To: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Armitage, Mark W HLTH:EX <Mark.Armitage@gov.bc.ca>; MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX <Mark.MacKinnon@gov.bc.ca>; Westgate, Brian A HLTH:EX <Brian.Westgate@gov.bc.ca>; Younker, Katherine E HLTH:EX <Katherine.Younker@gov.bc.ca>; Prodan-Bhalla, Natasha L HLTH:EX <Natasha.Prodan-Bhalla@gov.bc.ca>; Stewart, Sharon A HLTH:EX <Sharon.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Final PHO Orders and Memo to the Minister

Importance: High

Hi Brian,

Attached are the final PHO Immunization Orders. We have heard from each of the applicable colleges and BC Emergency Health Services and none of have raised any objections with the proposed orders. Some had comments/questions about implementation (e.g. where services would be provided, what supervision would look like, etc.), which we have flagged for clarification, when the orders have been finalized.

Based on feedback received. we have included two proposed content changes to the orders:
s.13

There were additionally several technical drafting/grammar issues that were identified that have been corrected that do not impact the policy intent of the orders.

Lastly I have attached a memo also to be signed by the PHO that will need to be sent to the Minister informing him of the orders and that the applicable colleges have been consulted.

Thanks and please let me know if you have any questions, have any further changes or would like to discuss.

Chris

Chris Bennett

A/Director, Regulatory Initiatives

Professional Regulation and Oversight

Health Sector Workforce and Beneficiary Services Division

Ministry of Health

Christopher.Bennett@gov.bc.ca

250.952.1991

<Emergency Medical Assistants - COVID-19 Immunization Order - March 18 - final.docx>

<PHO Order Memo - EMA Immunization Mar 18 2021.doc>

FW: PHO Order EMA Immunization Order for sending to Minister

From: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>
To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>, van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 19, 2021 3:00:47 PM PDT
Attachments: Emergency Medical Assistants - COVID-19 Immunization Order - March 18 - final.pdf

For your record, this is the final posted order.

My best,

Bonnie

Dr Bonnie Henry

Provincial Health Officer

Office of the PHO

Ministry of Health

s.15; s.19

Mailing address: PO Box 9648, STN PROV GOVT

Victoria, BC

V8W 9P4

Bonnie.henry@gov.bc.ca

Phone: s.17; s.19

I gratefully acknowledge that I live and work on the traditional unceded territory of the Lekwungen Peoples, specifically the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations. Hay'sxw'qu Si'em

Warning: This email is intended only for the use of the individual or organization to whom it is addressed. It may contain information that is privileged or confidential. Any distribution, disclosure, copying, or other use by anyone else is strictly prohibited. If you have received this in error, please telephone or e-mail the sender immediately and delete the message.

From: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 19, 2021 2:04 PM

To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: PHO Order EMA Immunization Order for sending to Minister

Thanks Bonnie.

The last step required by the regulation is to provide the Minister with a copy (attached).

The Professional Regulation Branch will provide a copy to BCEHS and the licensing board.

Brian

Dr. Brian P. Emerson, Deputy Provincial Health Officer (acting)

BC Ministry of Health, PO Box 9648 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9P1

T 250.952.1701 (s.17)

F. 250.952. 1713 brian.emerson@gov.bc.ca

From: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 18, 2021 5:30 PM

To: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: URGENT - PHO Orders EMA Immunization Order and Memo to the Minister - FOR APPROVAL AND SENDING TO MINISTER

Thanks looks good. I have informed the Minister.

b

Dr Bonnie Henry

Provincial Health Officer

Office of the PHO

Ministry of Health

s.15; s.19

Mailing address: PO Box 9648, STN PROV GOVT

Victoria, BC

V8W 9P4

Bonnie.henry@gov.bc.ca

Phone:s.17; s.19

I gratefully acknowledge that I live and work on the traditional unceded territory of the Lekwungen Peoples, specifically the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations. Hay'sxw'qu Si'em

Warning: This email is intended only for the use of the individual or organization to whom it is addressed. It may contain information that is privileged or confidential. Any distribution, disclosure, copying, or other use by anyone else is strictly prohibited. If you have received this in error, please telephone or e-mail the sender immediately and delete the message.

From: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 18, 2021 4:40 PM

To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: URGENT - PHO Orders EMA Immunization Order and Memo to the Minister - FOR APPROVAL AND SENDING TO MINISTER

Importance: High

Hi Bonnie.

Here is the revised Emergency Medical Assistants order for your approval and memo to the Minister.

This will enable paramedics to take the shorter course (3.5 hrs vs 15.0 hrs) which is just being put on line by BCCDC, and will allow for virtual supervision.

The consultation with EHS did not result in any objections.

This is a rush as we need it to enable Northern Health to start immunizing industrial camps with paramedics this weekend.

If you approve please send to the Minister as the regulation requires that the PHO notify the Minister before publishing the order, and please copy me.

I will arrange for posting once you have notified the Minister.

Thanks.

Brian

Dr. Brian P. Emerson, Deputy Provincial Health Officer (acting)

BC Ministry of Health, PO Box 9648 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9P1

T 250.952.1701 C ^{s.17}

F. 250.952. 1713 brian.emerson@gov.bc.ca

From: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX

Sent: February 22, 2021 4:55 PM

To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: Final PHO Orders and Memo to the Minister - FOR APPROVAL

Importance: High

Hi Bonnie.

Per below, here are the final orders and memo to the Minister for approval and sending to the Minister.

The regulation requires that the PHO notify the Minister before publishing the order, and the Minister can provide directions i.e.

When emergency order may be made

12 (2) The provincial health officer must not make an emergency order without first doing all of the following:

- (a) giving notice to the minister of the proposed order;
- (b) making reasonable efforts to consult with all applicable colleges for the purpose of forming the opinion referred to in subsection (1);
- (c) advising the minister of any objections made by the applicable colleges and
 - (i) how the order addresses those objections, or
 - (ii) why those objections cannot be accommodated.

Minister retains discretion over health professions

17 The provincial health officer must comply with any direction of the minister with respect to the following:

- (a) not making a proposed emergency order;
- (b) making changes to a proposed emergency order;

(c) rescinding or modifying an emergency order.

If OK with you please forward to the Minister and let me know.

Once the Minister has been notified I can finalize and publish the orders (assuming he does not provide any directions).

The only feedback I got from Chief MHOs was from Island Health as follows:

Dee suggests:

s.13

|
|
,
|
|
|
|
|
|
|
|
|

Thanks.

Brian

Dr. Brian P. Emerson, Deputy Provincial Health Officer (acting)

BC Ministry of Health, PO Box 9648 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9P1

T 250.952.1701 C^{s.17}

F. 250.952. 1713 brian.emerson@gov.bc.ca

From: Bennett, Christopher HLTH:EX <Christopher.Bennett@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: February 22, 2021 3:30 PM

To: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Armitage, Mark W HLTH:EX <Mark.Armitage@gov.bc.ca>; MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX

<Mark.MacKinnon@gov.bc.ca>; Westgate, Brian A HLTH:EX <Brian.Westgate@gov.bc.ca>; Younker, Katherine E

HLTH:EX <Katherine.Younker@gov.bc.ca>; Prodan-Bhalla, Natasha L HLTH:EX <Natasha.Prodan-Bhalla@gov.bc.ca>;

Stewart, Sharon A HLTH:EX <Sharon.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Final PHO Orders and Memo to the Minister

Importance: High

Hi Brian,

Attached are the final PHO Immunization Orders. We have heard from each of the applicable colleges and BC Emergency Health Services and none of have raised any objections with the proposed orders. Some had comments/questions about implementation (e.g. where services would be provided, what supervision would look like, etc.), which we have flagged for clarification, when the orders have been finalized.

Based on feedback received. we have included two proposed content changes to the orders:

s.13

There were additionally several technical drafting/grammar issues that were identified that have been corrected that do not impact the policy intent of the orders.

Lastly I have attached a memo also to be signed by the PHO that will need to be sent to the Minister informing him of the orders and that the applicable colleges have been consulted.

Thanks and please let me know if you have any questions, have any further changes or would like to discuss.

Chris

Chris Bennett

A/Director, Regulatory Initiatives

Professional Regulation and Oversight

Health Sector Workforce and Beneficiary Services Division

Ministry of Health

Christopher.Bennett@gov.bc.ca
250.952.1991

Page 081 of 150 to/à Page 086 of 150

Withheld pursuant to/removed as

s.13

FW: Updated PHO Orders - Regulated and Unregulated Health Professionals

From: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>
To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>, Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 24, 2021 5:41:05 PM PDT
Attachments: PHO Order Memo - Immunization - March 24 2021 draft.doc, Regulated and Unregulated Health Professionals - COVID-19 Immunization Order - March 24 - Final.docx

Minister please see attached revisions to the Covid-19 immunization orders to incorporate the changes outlines below.

We will be posting these tomorrow unless you have any concerns.

My best,

Bonnie

Dr Bonnie Henry

Provincial Health Officer

Office of the PHO

Ministry of Health

s.15; s.19

Mailing address: PO Box 9648, STN PROV GOVT

Victoria, BC

V8W 9P4

Bonnie.henry@gov.bc.ca

Phone:s.17; s.19

I gratefully acknowledge that I live and work on the traditional unceded territory of the Lekwungen Peoples, specifically the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations. Hay'sxw'qu Si'em

Warning: This email is intended only for the use of the individual or organization to whom it is addressed. It may contain information that is privileged or confidential. Any distribution, disclosure, copying, or other use by anyone else is strictly prohibited. If you have received this in error, please telephone or e-mail the sender immediately and delete the message.

From: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 24, 2021 3:58 PM

To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: Updated PHO Orders - Regulated and Unregulated Health Professionals

Importance: High

Hi Bonnie.

Please see attached revised orders subsequent to requisite consultation with the Colleges and memo to Minister Dix, for your approval. Changes are:

s.13

Please let me know of your approval and forward to Minister Dix to provide notice as required by the regulations. Once you have done that I can arrange to be posted.

Thanks.

Brian

Dr. Brian P. Emerson, Deputy Provincial Health Officer (acting)

BC Ministry of Health, PO Box 9648 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9P1

T 250.952.1701 C s.17

F. 250.952. 1713 brian.emerson@gov.bc.ca

Page 088 of 150 to/à Page 119 of 150

Withheld pursuant to/removed as

s.13

FW: Updated PHO Orders - Regulated and Unregulated Health Professionals

From: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>
To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>, van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>, MacDonald, Alex HLTH:EX <Alex.MacDonald@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 25, 2021 5:44:36 PM PDT
Attachments: Regulated and Unregulated Health Professionals - COVID-19 Immunization Order - March 24 - Final.pdf

For your records this is the posted order.

My best,

Bonnie

Dr Bonnie Henry

Provincial Health Officer

Office of the PHO

Ministry of Health

s.15; s.19

Mailing address: PO Box 9648, STN PROV GOVT

Victoria, BC

V8W 9P4

Bonnie.henry@gov.bc.ca

Phones.17; s.19

I gratefully acknowledge that I live and work on the traditional unceded territory of the Lekwungen Peoples, specifically the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations. Hay'sxw'qu Si'em

Warning: This email is intended only for the use of the individual or organization to whom it is addressed. It may contain information that is privileged or confidential. Any distribution, disclosure, copying, or other use by anyone else is strictly prohibited. If you have received this in error, please telephone or e-mail the sender immediately and delete the message.

From: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 25, 2021 5:43 PM

To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Updated PHO Orders - Regulated and Unregulated Health Professionals

Thanks for copying me Bonnie.

Last step required in the process is for you to provide the Minister with a final copy of the order (attached), which is also posted at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>.

Thanks.

Brian

Dr. Brian P. Emerson, Deputy Provincial Health Officer (acting)

BC Ministry of Health, PO Box 9648 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9P1

T 250.952.1701 C^{s.17}

F. 250.952. 1713 brian.emerson@gov.bc.ca

From: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 24, 2021 5:41 PM

To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>; Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: Updated PHO Orders - Regulated and Unregulated Health Professionals

Importance: High

Minister please see attached revisions to the Covid-19 immunization orders to incorporate the changes outlines below.

We will be posting these tomorrow unless you have any concerns.

My best,

Bonnie

Dr Bonnie Henry

Provincial Health Officer

Office of the PHO
Ministry of Health

s.15; s.19

Mailing address: PO Box 9648, STN PROV GOVT
Victoria, BC
V8W 9P4

Bonnie.henry@gov.bc.ca

Phone: s.17; s.19

I gratefully acknowledge that I live and work on the traditional unceded territory of the Lekwungen Peoples, specifically the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations. Hay'sxw'qu Si'em

Warning: This email is intended only for the use of the individual or organization to whom it is addressed. It may contain information that is privileged or confidential. Any distribution, disclosure, copying, or other use by anyone else is strictly prohibited. If you have received this in error, please telephone or e-mail the sender immediately and delete the message.

From: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 24, 2021 3:58 PM

To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: Updated PHO Orders - Regulated and Unregulated Health Professionals

Importance: High

Hi Bonnie.

Please see attached revised orders subsequent to requisite consultation with the Colleges and memo to Minister Dix, for your approval. Changes are:

s.13; s.17

Please let me know of your approval and forward to Minister Dix to provide notice as required by the regulations. Once you have done that I can arrange to be posted.

Thanks.

Brian

Dr. Brian P. Emerson, Deputy Provincial Health Officer (acting)

BC Ministry of Health, PO Box 9648 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9P1

T 250.952.1701 C 250^{s.17}

F. 250.952. 1713 brian.emerson@gov.bc.ca



ORDER OF THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICER

(Pursuant to section 13 of the *Health Professions General Regulation*, B.C. Reg 275/2008)

REGULATED AND UNREGULATED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS SARS-CoV-2 IMMUNIZATION – March 24, 2021

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 17, 2020 I provided notice under section 52 (2) of the *Public Health Act* that the transmission of the infectious agent SARS-CoV-2, which has caused cases and outbreaks of a serious illness known as COVID-19 among the population of the Province of British Columbia, constitutes a regional event as defined in section 51 of the *Public Health Act* (the “**Emergency**”);
- B. Immunization against the infection SARS-CoV-2 includes one or more of the activities set out in column B of Appendix A (each an “**Immunization Activity**”);
- C. I am of the opinion that:
 - (i) the operation of a health profession regulation is adversely affecting the timely delivery of the Immunization Activities, the scope of Immunization Activities that can be delivered, and the efficient and effective use of health human resources, throughout British Columbia, and
 - (ii) health professionals set out in column A of Appendix A (each an “**Authorized Health Professional**”) may perform an Immunization Activity, as authorized by this order, without undue risk to the health or safety of the patient or any other person; and
- D. For the purposes of applying this order to a particular Authorized Health Professional:
 - (i) the authorized Immunization Activities are specifically set out in the entry in column B of Appendix A that corresponds to the Authorized Health Professional,
 - (ii) for greater certainty, the authorized Immunization Activities specifically exclude the services (if any) set out in the entry in column C of Appendix A that corresponds to the Authorized Health Professional,
 - (iii) the applicable specific limits (the “**Specific Limits**”) are set out in the entry in column D of Appendix A that corresponds to the Authorized Health Professional,

- (iv) the applicable mandatory training (the “**Mandatory Training**”) is set out in the entry in column E of Appendix A that corresponds to the Authorized Health Professional and the corresponding entries of Appendix B.

THIS ORDER REPEALS AND REPLACES MY EMERGENCY ORDER OF MARCH 14, 2021 WITH RESPECT TO REGULATED AND UNREGULATED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS SARS-CoV-2 IMMUNIZATION.

I, Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer, order that notwithstanding any requirements set out in a health profession regulation that conflict or may conflict with this order, an Authorized Health Professional is authorized to perform an Immunization Activity, subject to the following conditions:

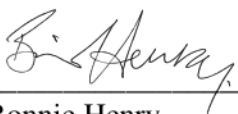
1. The Immunization Activity must be performed in the course of providing a SARS-CoV-2 immunization program approved by a medical health officer with responsibility for the geographic area in which the Immunization Activity is performed.
2. The Immunization Activity must be conducted in accordance with the resources issued by the BC Centre for Disease Control (the “**Resources**”) posted at the following website:

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine/resources-for-health-professionals>
3. The Authorized Health Professional must complete all Mandatory Training before performing the Immunization Activity.
4. The Authorized Health Professional must comply with the Specific Limits (if any).
5. The Authorized Health Professional’s employer or a medical health officer must first assess the Authorized Health Professional’s competence to perform the Immunization Activity in a manner that is safe for both the patient and the Authorized Health Professional, including by requiring the Authorized Health Professional to demonstrate knowledge and skill, in accordance with the Resources, respecting the Immunization Activity. The Authorized Health Professional’s employer may only make this assessment if the employer is a registrant, or is acting on the advice of a registrant, who has assessed the Authorized Health Professional and who is authorized under a health profession regulation, and competent, to perform the Immunization Activity.

Unless repealed earlier, this order will end on the date that I provide notice under section 59 (b) of the *Public Health Act* that the Emergency has passed.

DATE: March 24, 2021

SIGNED:



Bonnie Henry
MD, MPH, FRCPC
Provincial Health Officer

Appendix A: Immunization Activity, Limitations and Mandatory Training

Note: this list does not include health professionals who can normally provide immunization services under their health profession regulations (e.g. Medical Practitioners, Registered Nurses, Registered Psychiatric Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, Pharmacists and Naturopathic Physicians).

Column A: Authorized Health Professional	Column B: Authorized Immunization Activities:	Column C: Services specifically <u>excluded from the authorized Immunization Activity</u> :	Column D: Specific Limits:	Column E: Mandatory Training (refer to the letters in Appendix B, Column A for information on the training resource)
Dentist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Initial patient assessment, including review of patient assessment forms to determine suitability of a patient for immunization and obtaining patient consent; b. Preparation of vaccines, including the drawing of doses from a vial; c. Administering an injection of a COVID-19 vaccine; d. Post-immunization monitoring of the patient, 			C1

Column A: Authorized Health Professional	Column B: Authorized Immunization Activities:	Column C: Services specifically <u>excluded from the authorized Immunization Activity</u> :	Column D: Specific Limits:	Column E: Mandatory Training (refer to the letters in Appendix B, Column A for information on the training resource)
	including monitoring for adverse events (i.e. anaphylaxis), situation assessment and treatment of adverse events.			
Midwife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Initial patient assessment, including review of patient assessment forms to determine suitability of a patient for immunization and obtaining patient consent; b. Preparation of vaccines, including the drawing of doses from a vial; c. Administering an injection of a COVID-19 vaccine; d. Post-immunization monitoring of the patient, including monitoring for adverse events (i.e. anaphylaxis), situation 			C1

Column A: Authorized Health Professional	Column B: Authorized Immunization Activities:	Column C: Services specifically <u>excluded from the authorized Immunization Activity</u> :	Column D: Specific Limits:	Column E: Mandatory Training (refer to the letters in Appendix B, Column A for information on the training resource)
	assessment and treatment of adverse events.			
Retired Registered Nurse, Retired Registered Psychiatric Nurse (not registered with the British Columbia College of Nurses and Midwives)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Initial patient assessment, including review of patient assessment forms to determine suitability of a patient for immunization and obtaining patient consent; b. Preparation of vaccines, including the drawing of doses from a vial; c. Administering an injection of a COVID-19 vaccine; d. Post-immunization monitoring of the patient, including monitoring for adverse events (i.e. anaphylaxis), situation 		Must be supervised by a registrant who is authorized under a health profession regulation, and competent, to perform the Immunization Activity.	B, C2

Column A: Authorized Health Professional	Column B: Authorized Immunization Activities:	Column C: Services specifically <u>excluded from the authorized Immunization Activity</u> :	Column D: Specific Limits:	Column E: Mandatory Training (refer to the letters in Appendix B, Column A for information on the training resource)
	assessment and treatment of adverse events.			
Retired Licensed Practical Nurse (not registered with the British Columbia College of Nurses and Midwives)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Initial patient assessment of stable and predictable patients, including review of patient assessment forms to determine suitability of a patient for immunization and obtaining patient consent; b. Preparation of vaccines, including the drawing of doses from a vial; c. Administering an injection of a COVID-19 vaccine; d. Post-immunization monitoring of the patient, including monitoring for adverse 		<p>Must be supervised by a registrant who is authorized under a health profession regulation, and competent, to perform the Immunization Activity.</p> <p>Must only provide initial patient assessment for stable and predictable patients.</p>	B, C2

Column A: Authorized Health Professional	Column B: Authorized Immunization Activities:	Column C: Services specifically <u>excluded from the authorized Immunization Activity</u> :	Column D: Specific Limits:	Column E: Mandatory Training (refer to the letters in Appendix B, Column A for information on the training resource)
	events (i.e. anaphylaxis), situation assessment and treatment of adverse events.			
Retired Midwife (not registered with the British Columbia College of Nurses and Midwives)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Initial patient assessment, including review of patient assessment forms to determine suitability of a patient for immunization and obtaining patient consent; b. Preparation of vaccines, including the drawing of doses from a vial; c. Administering an injection of a COVID-19 vaccine; d. Post-immunization monitoring of the patient, including 		Must be supervised by a registrant who is authorized under a health profession regulation, and competent, to perform the Immunization Activity.	B, C1

Column A: Authorized Health Professional	Column B: Authorized Immunization Activities:	Column C: Services specifically <u>excluded from the authorized Immunization Activity</u> :	Column D: Specific Limits:	Column E: Mandatory Training (refer to the letters in Appendix B, Column A for information on the training resource)
	monitoring for adverse events (i.e. anaphylaxis), situation assessment and treatment of adverse events.			
Employed Student Nurse, Employed Student Psychiatric Nurse, Student enrolled in Registered Nursing program, Registered Psychiatric Nursing program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Initial patient assessment, including review of patient assessment forms to determine suitability of a patient for immunization and obtaining patient consent. b. Preparation of vaccines, including the drawing of doses from a vial; c. Administering an injection of a COVID-19 vaccine; d. Post-immunization monitoring of the patient, including monitoring for adverse events (i.e. 		Must be supervised by a registered nurse or registered psychiatric nurse who is authorized under the <i>Nurses (Registered) and Nurse Practitioners Regulation or the Nurses (Registered Psychiatric) Regulation</i> , and competent, to perform the Immunization Activity.	C2

Column A: Authorized Health Professional	Column B: Authorized Immunization Activities:	Column C: Services specifically <u>excluded from the authorized Immunization Activity</u> :	Column D: Specific Limits:	Column E: Mandatory Training (refer to the letters in Appendix B, Column A for information on the training resource)
	anaphylaxis), situation assessment and treatment of adverse events.			
Student enrolled in Licensed Practical Nursing program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Initial patient assessment of stable and predictable patients, including review of patient assessment forms to determine suitability of a patient for immunization and obtaining patient consent. b. Preparation of vaccines, including the drawing of doses from a vial; c. Administering an injection of a COVID-19 vaccine; d. Post-immunization monitoring of the patient, including monitoring for adverse events (i.e. anaphylaxis), situation assessment and treatment of adverse events. 		<p>Must be supervised by a registered nurse, registered psychiatric nurse or licensed practical nurse who is authorized under the <i>Nurses (Registered) and Nurse Practitioners Regulation, the Nurses (Registered Psychiatric) Regulation or the Nurses (Licensed Practical) Regulation</i>, and competent, to perform the Immunization Activity.</p> <p>Must only provide initial patient assessment for stable</p>	C2

Column A: Authorized Health Professional	Column B: Authorized Immunization Activities:	Column C: Services specifically <u>excluded from the authorized Immunization Activity</u> :	Column D: Specific Limits:	Column E: Mandatory Training (refer to the letters in Appendix B, Column A for information on the training resource)
			and predictable patients.	
Student enrolled in Midwifery program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Initial patient assessment, including review of patient assessment forms to determine suitability of a patient for immunization and obtaining patient consent. b. Preparation of vaccines, including the drawing of doses from a vial; c. Administering an injection of a COVID-19 vaccine; d. Post-immunization monitoring of the patient, including monitoring for adverse events (i.e. anaphylaxis), situation assessment and treatment of adverse events. 		Must be supervised by a registrant who is authorized under a health profession regulation, and competent, to perform the Immunization Activity.	C1

Column A: Authorized Health Professional	Column B: Authorized Immunization Activities:	Column C: Services specifically <u>excluded from the authorized Immunization Activity</u> :	Column D: Specific Limits:	Column E: Mandatory Training (refer to the letters in Appendix B, Column A for information on the training resource)
Dental Hygienist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Preparation of vaccines, including the drawing of doses from a vial; b. Administering an injection of a COVID-19 vaccine; c. Post-immunization monitoring of the patient, including monitoring for adverse events (i.e. anaphylaxis), situation assessment and treatment of adverse events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Initial patient assessment, including review of patient assessment forms to determine suitability of a patient for immunization and obtaining patient consent. 	Must be supervised by a registrant who is authorized under a health profession regulation, and competent, to perform the Immunization Activity.	B, C1
Podiatrist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Preparation of vaccines, including the drawing of doses from a vial; b. Administering an injection of a COVID-19 vaccine; c. Post-immunization monitoring of the patient, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Initial patient assessment, including review of patient assessment forms to determine suitability of a patient for immunization and obtaining patient consent. 	Must be supervised by a registrant who is authorized under a health profession regulation, and competent, to perform the Immunization Activity.	C1

Column A: Authorized Health Professional	Column B: Authorized Immunization Activities:	Column C: Services specifically <u>excluded from the authorized Immunization Activity</u> :	Column D: Specific Limits:	Column E: Mandatory Training (refer to the letters in Appendix B, Column A for information on the training resource)
	including monitoring for adverse events (i.e. anaphylaxis), situation assessment and treatment of adverse events.			
Retired Medical Practitioner (not registered with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Initial patient assessment, including review of patient assessment forms to determine suitability of a patient for immunization and obtaining patient consent; b. Preparation of vaccines, including the drawing of doses from a vial; c. Administering an injection of a COVID-19 vaccine; d. Post-immunization monitoring of the patient, including monitoring for adverse 		Must be supervised by a registrant who is authorized under a health profession regulation, and competent, to perform the Immunization Activity.	B, D, E

Column A: Authorized Health Professional	Column B: Authorized Immunization Activities:	Column C: Services specifically <u>excluded from the authorized Immunization Activity</u> :	Column D: Specific Limits:	Column E: Mandatory Training (refer to the letters in Appendix B, Column A for information on the training resource)
	events (i.e. anaphylaxis), situation assessment and treatment of adverse events.			
International Medical Graduate (Not registered with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia) Must have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. a medical degree from a medical school outside of Canada listed in the <u>World Directory of Medical Schools</u>, which includes a sponsor note indicating it is an accepted medical school in Canada, b. a medical degree that has been verified by physicianapply.ca, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Preparation of vaccines, including the drawing of doses from a vial; b. Administering an injection of a COVID-19 vaccine; c. Post-immunization monitoring of the patient, including monitoring for adverse events (i.e. anaphylaxis), situation assessment and treatment of adverse events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Initial patient assessment, including review of patient assessment forms to determine suitability of a patient for immunization and obtaining patient consent. 	Must be supervised by a registrant who is authorized under a health profession regulation, and competent, to perform the Immunization Activity.	B, C1

Column A: Authorized Health Professional	Column B: Authorized Immunization Activities:	Column C: Services specifically <u>excluded from the authorized Immunization Activity</u>:	Column D: Specific Limits:	Column E: Mandatory Training (refer to the letters in Appendix B, Column A for information on the training resource)
<p>and successful completion of the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Exam Part 1</p> <p>c. proof of British Columbia residence</p>				
Anesthesia Assistant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Preparation of vaccines, including the drawing of doses from a vial; b. Administering an injection of a COVID-19 vaccine; c. Post-immunization monitoring of the patient, including monitoring for adverse events (i.e. anaphylaxis), situation assessment and treatment of adverse events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Initial patient assessment, including review of patient assessment forms to determine suitability of a patient for immunization and obtaining patient consent. 	Must be supervised by a registrant who is authorized under a health profession regulation, and competent, to perform the Immunization Activity.	B, C1

Column A: Authorized Health Professional	Column B: Authorized Immunization Activities:	Column C: Services specifically <u>excluded from the authorized Immunization Activity</u> :	Column D: Specific Limits:	Column E: Mandatory Training (refer to the letters in Appendix B, Column A for information on the training resource)
Medical Laboratory Technologist/ Medical Laboratory Assistant	a. Administering an injection of a COVID-19 vaccine;	a. Initial patient assessment, including review of patient assessment forms to determine suitability of a patient for immunization and obtaining patient consent; b. Preparation of vaccines, including the drawing of doses from a vial; c. Post-immunization monitoring of the patient, including monitoring for adverse events (i.e. anaphylaxis), situation assessment and treatment of adverse events.	Must be supervised by a registrant who is authorized under a health profession regulation, and competent, to perform the Immunization Activity.	B, C1

Column A: Authorized Health Professional	Column B: Authorized Immunization Activities:	Column C: Services specifically <u>excluded from the authorized Immunization Activity</u> :	Column D: Specific Limits:	Column E: Mandatory Training (refer to the letters in Appendix B, Column A for information on the training resource)
Pharmacy Technician	a. Preparation of vaccines, including the drawing of doses from a vial;	a. Initial patient assessment, including review of patient assessment forms to determine suitability of a patient for immunization and obtaining patient consent; b. Administering an injection of a COVID-19 vaccine; c. Post-immunization monitoring of the patient, including monitoring for adverse events (i.e. anaphylaxis), situation assessment and treatment of adverse events.		B (portions relevant to preparation of vaccines only), D

Column A: Authorized Health Professional	Column B: Authorized Immunization Activities:	Column C: Services specifically <u>excluded from the authorized Immunization Activity</u> :	Column D: Specific Limits:	Column E: Mandatory Training (refer to the letters in Appendix B, Column A for information on the training resource)
Dental Therapist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Preparation of vaccines, including the drawing of doses from a vial; b. Administering an injection of a COVID-19 vaccine; c. Post-immunization monitoring of the patient, including monitoring for adverse events (i.e. anaphylaxis), situation assessment and treatment of adverse events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Initial patient assessment, including review of patient assessment forms to determine suitability of a patient for immunization and obtaining patient consent. 	Must be supervised by a registrant who is authorized under a health profession regulation, and competent, to perform the Immunization Activity.	B, C1

Appendix B: Training Materials

Column A: Training	Column B: Resources	Column C: Link to Materials
A	Elsevier Clinical Skills - Intramuscular Injections (*eliminate pediatric content and test)	Course content equivalent to: https://elsevier.health/en-US/preview/intramuscular-injections
B	In-person education and clinical lab training to perform intramuscular injections as per the BC Centre for Disease Control's – COVID-19 Immunization Skills Checklist	http://www.bccdc.ca/resource-gallery/Documents/Guidelines%20and%20Forms/Guidelines%20and%20Manuals/Immunization/Vaccine%20Info/COVID-19_Immunization_Skills_Checklist.pdf
C1 (includes materials from training outlined in items A, D, E, G, H of this column specific to COVID-19 immunizations only)	COVID-19 Immunization Competency Course for Non-Nursing Professionals This course includes the BC Centre for Disease Control's – Informed Consent for Immunization component	https://learninghub.phsa.ca/Courses/25286/
C2 (includes a condensed version of materials from training outlined in items D, E G, H of this column specific to COVID-19 immunizations only)	BC Centre for Disease Control's COVID-19 Immunization Competency Course for Nurses (RNs, RPNs, LPNs)	https://learninghub.phsa.ca/Courses/24913/

Column A: Training	Column B: Resources	Column C: Link to Materials
D	BCCDC COVID-19 Immunization Webinars	https://learninghub.phsa.ca/Courses/24764/curriculum-bccdc-covid-19-immunization-webinars
E	Anaphylaxis Initial Emergency Treatment By Nurses Adult Pediatric	https://learninghub.phsa.ca/Courses/19708/anaphylaxis-initial-emergency-treatment-by-nurses-adult-pediatric
F	Dry Ice Handling Safety Training course	https://learninghub.phsa.ca/Courses/24530/dry-ice-handling-safety-training
G	Vaccine Storage and Handling course	https://learninghub.phsa.ca/Courses/19652/vaccine-storage-and-handling
H	Immunization Communication Module	https://learninghub.phsa.ca/Courses/19653/immunization-communication-module

Re: E-mail to faith leaders

From: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>
To: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX <Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>, Brown, Stephen R HLTH:EX <Stephen.Brown@gov.bc.ca>, Wanamaker, Lori PREM:EX <Lori.Wanamaker@gov.bc.ca>, Girn, Naveen PREM:EX <Naveen.Girn@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 28, 2021 8:26:25 PM PDT

Thanks Geoff,

I just had a good discussion with Dr Daum and agreed to send a message. I was thinking along the lines of what you have written so thank you.

I will send to him in the morning and copy you and Naveen. I am indeed heavy hearted.

Bonnie

Dr Bonnie Henry
Provincial Health Officer
Ministry of Health
Bonnie.henry@gov.bc.ca

s.17; s.19

On Mar 28, 2021, at 8:19 PM, Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX <Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Good evening, Dr.Henry,

Given the discussion at 5, I have taken the liberty of drafting a note for you to send, if you agree, to faith leaders participating in Dr. Daum's process tomorrow, given the difficulty in arranging a call, which could happen Tuesday at the earliest. He has reviewed the text and made the suggestions in bold face and strongly believes this would go a long way to reassuring that community tomorrow. If you agree to send it, could you let me know? In that case, Naveen Girn will be in a better position to arrange the call with Dr. Daum.

best regards

Geoff

Text follows:

Dear friends,

Thank you for the patience, support and understanding you have shown to my office during the course of the Covid-19 pandemic. I have asked **Dr.** Robert Daum to reconvene our group urgently so I can discuss some discouraging news.

Since our discussion on Thursday, the course of the pandemic has become sharply more negative. Case counts, which had plateaued at a worrisome level, have now begun to climb sharply. The share of tests that are positive has also risen very quickly across the province. We are seeing more cases resulting from variants of concern and new variants causing cases. All of these factors are increasing pressure on our health care system.

For all these reasons, **and with a heavy heart**, I believe it necessary to take further urgent

measures to curb transmission, starting at midnight tonight, **Monday, March 29**, and running until **at least midnight** April 19. They include restrictions to end indoor dining and limit restaurants to take-out or patio service, the effective closure of Whistler's ski facilities, a resumption of work from home for all those able to do so and strong advice to avoid all non-essential travel.

I also much regret that I feel we must return to the more restrictive measures on **indoor** worship that were in force before last Thursday's announcement. **I recognize that these decisions will disappoint many people, and I had hoped that they would not be necessary. But the course of the pandemic leaves me no other choice. I continue to value your judgment about the impacts of these emergency health measures on your communities.**

Thank you for your continued understanding.

Whistler shut down

From: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>
To: Wanamaker, Lori PREM:EX <Lori.Wanamaker@gov.bc.ca>, Brown, Stephen R HLTH:EX <Stephen.Brown@gov.bc.ca>, Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX <Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca>, Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 30, 2021 3:18:53 PM PDT

I am following up to see where we are with the 'shut down' of Whistler ski operations. I was not on all the calls and am not clear if I need to write an order (and if so to whom, Vail resorts?) or if they have agreed to close voluntarily on our direction (and an order is not needed). I do know that sometimes an order is preferable as it triggers insurance etc.

Thanks,
Bonnie

Dr Bonnie Henry
Provincial Health Officer
Ministry of Health
Bonnie.henry@gov.bc.ca
s.17; s.19

FW: Draft Time-Limited Addendum - Mask Guidance for K-12

From: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>
To: Brown, Stephen R HLTH:EX <Stephen.Brown@gov.bc.ca>, Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>, MacDonald, Alex HLTH:EX <Alex.MacDonald@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 30, 2021 4:48:08 PM PDT
Attachments: Addendum - March 30 - Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools - School MHO Revisions.docx

FYI, I believe this covers it well.

Bonnie

Dr Bonnie Henry

Provincial Health Officer

Office of the PHO

Ministry of Health

s.15; s.19

Mailing address: PO Box 9648, STN PROV GOVT

Victoria, BC

V8W 9P4

Bonnie.henry@gov.bc.ca

Phone: s.17; s.19

I gratefully acknowledge that I live and work on the traditional unceded territory of the Lekwungen Peoples, specifically the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations. Hay'sxw'qu Si'em

Warning: This email is intended only for the use of the individual or organization to whom it is addressed. It may contain information that is privileged or confidential. Any distribution, disclosure, copying, or other use by anyone else is strictly prohibited. If you have received this in error, please telephone or e-mail the sender immediately and delete the message.

From: Gustafson, Reka [BCCDC] <reka.gustafson@phsa.ca>

Sent: March 30, 2021 4:30 PM

To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Daly, Patty [VCH] <Patricia.Daly@vch.ca>; XT:HLTH Brodtkin, Elizabeth <elizabeth.brodtkin@fraserhealth.ca>; 'de Villiers, Albert' <albert.devilliers@interiorhealth.ca>; XT:Kim, Jong EHS:IN <Jong.Kim@northernhealth.ca>; XT:HLTH Stanwick, Richard <richard.stanwick@viha.ca>

Subject: FW: Draft Time-Limited Addendum - Mask Guidance for K-12

[EXTERNAL] This email came from an external source. Only open attachments or links that you are expecting from a known sender.

Hi Bonnie,

We need to put a recommendation forward asap—as districts are sending out their own letters. Please find attached wording that was approved by the School MHO working group. I'm copying the Chief MHOs, since we will be speaking in 30 min.

Thanks,

Reka

Dr. Réka Gustafson MD FRCPC

Vice President, Public Health and Wellness, PHSA & Deputy Provincial Health Officer
Provincial Health Services Authority

From: Docking, Christie M HLTH:EX <Christie.Docking@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 4:24 PM

To: Choi, Alexandra [VA] <alexandra.choi1@vch.ca>; Zbar, Ariella [FH] <ariella.zbar@fraserhealth.ca>; Hoyano, Dee (Dr) [VIHA] <Dee.Hoyano@viha.ca>; Beddall, Scott EDUC:EX <Scott.Beddall@gov.bc.ca>; Larder, Andrew [BCCDC] <andrew.larder@bccdc.ca>; Kling, Rakel [NHA] <Rakel.Kling@northernhealth.ca>; Mema, Dr. Silvina [IHA] <Silvina.Mema@interiorhealth.ca>; julene.cranck@fnha.ca [EXT] <julene.cranck@fnha.ca>

Cc: Bilal, Aamra [BCCDC] <aamra.bilal@bccdc.ca>; Mckee, Geoffrey [BCCDC] <geoffrey.mckee@bccdc.ca>; Gustafson, Reka [BCCDC] <reka.gustafson@phsa.ca>

Subject: RE: Draft Time-Limited Addendum - Mask Guidance for K-12

EXTERNAL SENDER. If you suspect this message is malicious, please forward to spam@phsa.ca and **do not** open attachments or click on links.

Hi everyone,
Please see the revised draft, which incorporates our discussion.
Thanks 😊
Christie

From: Docking, Christie M HLTH:EX
Sent: March 30, 2021 3:36 PM
To: 'Choi, Alexandra [VA]' <alexandra.choi1@vch.ca>; 'Zbar, Ariella [FH]' <ariella.zbar@fraserhealth.ca>; XT:Hoyano, Dr Dee HLTH:IN <dee.hoyano@viha.ca>; Beddall, Scott EDUC:EX <Scott.Beddall@gov.bc.ca>; 'Larder, Andrew [BCCDC]' <andrew.larder@bccdc.ca>; XT:Kling, Rakel HLTH:IN <rakel.kling@northernhealth.ca>; XT:Mema, Dr. Silvina HLTH:IN <Silvina.Mema@interiorhealth.ca>; 'Julene Cranch' <Julene.Cranch@fnha.ca>
Cc: 'Bilal, Aamra [BCCDC]' <aamra.bilal@bccdc.ca>; 'Mckee, Geoffrey [BCCDC]' <geoffrey.mckee@bccdc.ca>; 'Gustafson, Reka [BCCDC]' <reka.gustafson@phsa.ca>
Subject: Draft Time-Limited Addendum - Mask Guidance for K-12
Draft attached.

From: Docking, Christie M HLTH:EX
Sent: March 30, 2021 9:09 AM
To: 'Choi, Alexandra [VA]' <alexandra.choi1@vch.ca>; 'Zbar, Ariella [FH]' <ariella.zbar@fraserhealth.ca>; XT:Hoyano, Dr Dee HLTH:IN <dee.hoyano@viha.ca>; Beddall, Scott EDUC:EX <Scott.Beddall@gov.bc.ca>; Larder, Andrew [BCCDC] <andrew.larder@bccdc.ca>; XT:Kling, Rakel HLTH:IN <rakel.kling@northernhealth.ca>; XT:Mema, Dr. Silvina HLTH:IN <Silvina.Mema@interiorhealth.ca>; 'Julene Cranch' <Julene.Cranch@fnha.ca>
Cc: 'Bilal, Aamra [BCCDC]' <aamra.bilal@bccdc.ca>; 'Mckee, Geoffrey [BCCDC]' <geoffrey.mckee@bccdc.ca>; 'Gustafson, Reka [BCCDC]' <reka.gustafson@phsa.ca>
Subject: For Review: Pro/Con Summary of Cohorts

Good morning,
Please see attached a pro/con summary to support our ongoing discussions re: cohorts this afternoon. This has also been included in the meeting invite.
We are looking forward to hearing your thoughts and feedback.

Thanks 😊

Christie

Christie Docking

A/Director, Special Projects

Pronouns: *she/her/hers*

Public Health, Prevention and Planning | BC Ministry of Health

Telephone: 250-952-1956

Email: christie.docking@gov.bc.ca

Acknowledging with gratitude the Esquimalt and Songhees First Nations, on whose traditional territory I live and work.

Warning: This email is intended only for the use of the individual or organization to whom it is addressed. It may contain information that is privileged or confidential. Any distribution, disclosure, copying, or other use by anyone else is strictly prohibited. If you have received this in error, please telephone or e-mail the sender immediately and delete the message

Addendum – Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools

March 30, 2021

Due to the recent rise in cases of COVID-19 in BC, the Provincial Health Officer has recommended the following time-limited changes to the Non-Medical Masks and Face Coverings (Masks) section, and any other sections where mask guidance is provided, to the [Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools](#).

Effective immediately, all staff, adult volunteers and visitors, and all Grade 4 to 12 students should wear a non-medical mask or face covering (a “mask”) at all times while indoors at school, subject to the exceptions noted below.

Exceptions:

The recommendations above should not apply as follows:

- To a person who is unable to wear a mask because they do not tolerate it (for health or behavioural reasons);
- To a person unable to put on or remove a mask without the assistance of another person;
- If the mask is removed temporarily for the purposes of identifying the person wearing it;
- If the mask is removed temporarily to engage in an educational activity that cannot be performed while wearing a mask (e.g. actively playing a wind instrument, high-intensity physical activity, etc.);
- If a person is eating or drinking;
- To a person who:
 - Can maintain at least 2 metres from another person; or
 - Is behind a barrier;
- While providing a service to person with a disability or diverse ability (including but not limited to a hearing impairment), where visual cues, facial expressions and/or lip reading/movements are important.

Staff, adult volunteers, and all Grade 4 to 12 students should wear a mask at all times while on a bus, subject to the exceptions noted below.

Exceptions:

The recommendation above should not apply as follows:

- To a bus driver while driving;
- To a person who is unable to wear a mask because they do not tolerate it (for health or behavioural reasons);
- To a person unable to put on or remove a mask without the assistance of another person;
- If the mask is removed temporarily for the purposes of identifying the person wearing it; or
- While eating or drinking.

Kindergarten to Grade 3 students are encouraged to wear a mask at school and on buses, but should not be required to do so.

If an activity cannot be implemented in line with this guidance, it should be adapted or another activity should be selected.

Schools continue to be encouraged to support student mask use through positive and inclusive approaches, and not punitive or enforcement activities that exclude students from fully participating in school or that could result in stigma.

No student should be prevented from attending or fully participating in school if they are not wearing a mask.

This guidance has been issued along with other [extensive public health measures](#) announced March 29th 2021 by the Provincial Health Officer. This addendum is in place until April 19th, 2021, at which point it will be reviewed. Unless revised, the guidance in this addendum should be used in place of masking guidance in the [Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools](#).

Sullivan, Michelle A HLTH:EX

From: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Sent: November 10, 2020 6:37 AM
To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX; Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX
Cc: Brown, Stephen R HLTH:EX; Wright, Don J. PREM:EX; Nash, Amber PREM:EX
Subject: Meeting of Economic Recovery Task Force

Good morning,

Don Wright and I have agreed it would be helpful to have a conference call with the Economic Recovery Task Force to help deal with questions arising from the recent new Covid-19 orders. We will identify an hour in the Premier's calendar as soon as possible, not an easy task. Ideally, we can have the call before the end of the week, given the statutory holiday tomorrow makes Thursday the earliest opportunity.

As usual, the Premier would chair the call, but the agenda could feature an overview by the PHO or her designate, a short update on WorkSafe arrangements and limited questions.

Thanks for your assistance, in advance, in making these arrangements.

Geoff

Sullivan, Michelle A HLTH:EX

From: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX
Sent: November 19, 2020 11:14 AM
To: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX; Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX
Cc: Wright, Don J. PREM:EX; Wanamaker, Lori FIN:EX; Brown, Stephen R HLTH:EX; Hughes, Trevor LBR:EX; Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Mask mandate in retail - safety for staff

I agree, our recommendation is the Minister of Public Safety issue a ministerial directive under the Emergency Programs Act.

That would align with our previous approach of the enforcement pieces coming from PSSG.

Bonnie

*Dr Bonnie Henry
Provincial Health Officer
Office of the PHO
Ministry of Health*

s.15; s.19

*Mailing address: PO Box 9648, STN PROV GOVT
Victoria, BC
V8W 9P4
Bonnie.henry@gov.bc.ca*

Phone: s.17; s.19

I gratefully acknowledge that I live and work on the traditional unceded territory of the Lekwungen Peoples, specifically the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations. Hay'sxw'qu Si'em

Warning: This email is intended only for the use of the individual or organization to whom it is addressed. It may contain information that is privileged or confidential. Any distribution, disclosure, copying, or other use by anyone else is strictly prohibited. If you have received this in error, please telephone or e-mail the sender immediately and delete the message.

From: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX <Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: November 19, 2020 10:59 AM
To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>; Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Wright, Don J. PREM:EX <Don.J.Wright@gov.bc.ca>; Wanamaker, Lori FIN:EX <Lori.Wanamaker@gov.bc.ca>; Brown, Stephen R HLTH:EX <Stephen.Brown@gov.bc.ca>; Hughes, Trevor LBR:EX <Trevor.Hughes@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Mask mandate in retail - safety for staff

Good morning,

I understand talks are underway with Worksafe to ensure they include mask policy in Covid workplace guidelines. I have been contacted today by Save-On and the Retail Council, who favour the mandate approach, to ensure we have clear messaging on support for staff who must enforce the mandate. Customers are confronting each other and staff on the issue of masks and expecting staff to expel those not wearing masks.

The safety of staff is also an employer responsibility in this case. Security guards could be available. Plans need to be in place for those seeking accommodation on mask wearing due to disability. Etc. Ultimately, management should close down briefly if necessary to resolve conflict. I'll leave specifics to the experts.

Geoff

GEOFF MEGGS

Chief of Staff, Premier's Office
West Annex, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC, V8V 1K7
250 387-1715