

Office-Based Primary Care: Safety for your patients, your staff, and yourself.

COVID19

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Learning Objectives

1. Identify how health care professionals can obtain workplace coverage for themselves.
2. Identify ways in which WorkSafeBC can support community care.
3. Identify and review office based strategies to preventing or limiting transmission of COVID 19; keeping yourself, staff and patients safe.
4. Describe an approach to addressing COVID-related workplace concerns of patients, and identify the resources relevant to safety in their workplace available from WorkSafeBC and the BC Centre for Disease Control

Coverage for Physicians in Primary Care

Four terms to understand

Worker – coverage Employer - registration

- **Worker:**

- Under the Workers Compensation Act of BC
- You are automatically **covered** in the case of work-caused injury or disease
- Wage loss/disability payments, health care costs
 - Wage loss payments start on the first full day of work lost
 - The current maximum wage rate for 2020 is \$87,100.00

- **Employer/Industry** (fund the system; protected from lawsuit)

- Under the Workers Compensation Act of BC
- Physicians may be either required or eligible to **register** with WorkSafeBC (and pay premiums based on payroll)
- E.g., Your incorporation is required to register as an employer, and you (*a worker of your incorporation*) would be covered

94% BC employed population is covered by WorkSafeBC

What about BC physicians?

- For physicians, it is not always obvious if you are automatically covered as a worker in case of occupational injury/disease
 - You may be covered by your business: it depends on the type of business you operate
 - There are many models (incorporation, service contract, partnership, individual proprietor)
 - Or whether you even operate a business at all
 - You may be on salary receiving a T4 slip for your work and are already covered
- **However, if you are not already automatically covered as a worker, there is a way to get coverage**

How do I know if I am covered as a worker?

There are many possibilities

- For any **work that is salaried**, where you receive a T4, that portion of your work means you are covered ... you are considered a worker
 - (and you are not allowed to register as an employer)
- For **incorporated physicians**, you must register as an employer and are considered a worker of your incorporation and are also covered
 - Your incorporation is the employer and is required to register as such
 - Rare exceptions
- For those considered **independent operators**, you are not covered unless you purchase personal option protection (POP)
 - WorkSafeBC will prioritize your application for personal option protection if you are not otherwise covered

To find out how to get coverage as worker

And if you are required to register as an employer

WorkSafeBC's Employer Service Centre can help:

- All physicians should complete a Form (<https://www.worksafebc.com/en/insurance/need-coverage/optional-coverage/personal-optional-protection>) , or
- **Phone 1.888.922.2768**

Note: WorkSafeBC is prioritizing the medical professionals applications due to COVID-19; however, the general practice is that the applications are handled based on date received.

Note: The employer Service Centre does not adjudicate status over the phone



Please read the summary of terms and conditions on the reverse of this application carefully. Each partner requesting coverage must submit a separate application.

For WorkSafeBC use only
WorkSafeBC account number

A	<input type="checkbox"/> I have included my completed Employer's Registration form with this application.			
B	Legal name of business (name of proprietorship or partnership)			
	Business/trade name (if applicable)			
	Business mailing address	City	Province	Postal code
	Business phone number (include area code)	Email address		
	Have you ever had an account with WorkSafeBC (Workers' Compensation Board of B.C.)?		If yes, what is the account number?	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
C	What type of business(es) does your firm primarily operate? (e.g., restaurant, courier services, house framing)		What percentage of revenue does your firm generate from each business?	
	Business 1		Business 1 _____ %	
	Business 2		Business 2 _____ %	
D	Applicant's first name	Middle name	Last name	
	Are you the <input type="checkbox"/> proprietor or <input type="checkbox"/> a partner of the firm?	Date of birth (yyyy-mm-dd) (required)	Phone number (include area code)	Alternate phone number
	Home address	City	Province	Postal code
E	Enter the coverage amount you wish to purchase. The amount you select should reflect your monthly earnings.			
	Requested monthly coverage: (for 2020, the minimum is \$2,200.00 and the maximum is \$7,258.00). Benefits may be reduced if you receive a pension or any other form of earnings throughout the duration of your claim.		\$ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> Enter your initials
F	If you request more than \$5,000.00, you have the following two options:			
	Option A	Provide your most recent Notice of Assessment and one of the following documents with your application to demonstrate your self-employed net income: • T2125 Statement of Business Professional Activities or • T1 General Tax Form		
	Option B	Have a chartered professional accountant (CPA) complete the area below.		
	I hereby certify that the applicant's personal net income before tax for the previous year was equal to or exceeded the coverage requested.			
	Accountant's name (please print)	Designation	Business phone number (include area code)	
	Accountant's signature	Business address	City	Province Postal code
G	If you want your coverage to begin on a specific future date, enter that date		If you want to cancel your coverage on a specific date, enter that date	
	Date (yyyy-mm-dd)		Date (yyyy-mm-dd)	
H	Voluntary Spousal Coverage			
	If you are a proprietor and are applying for coverage for your spouse, please complete the Application for Voluntary Spousal Coverage (form 18E7) available online at worksafebc.com .			
I	Please sign your application. If accepted, your coverage will remain in effect for a minimum of one month or until cancelled by you or WorkSafeBC. You will be notified of the cancellation via correspondence.			
	I am the applicant or the agent of the applicant. By submitting this application, I confirm that the applicant is not a worker or an employee of another; is a proprietor or partner in an independent business; is seeking personal coverage; is agreeing to assume obligations under the Workers Compensation Act; and has read or otherwise fully understands the content, requirements, and declaration of this application. Further, I confirm that the information provided is complete and accurate; and I understand that it is a prosecutable offense to provide false or misleading information or to omit relevant information from this application.			
	Signature of applicant or authorized representative	Relationship to applicant	Date (yyyy-mm-dd)	
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
	For WorkSafeBC use only			
	Staff signature	Date received (yyyy-mm-dd)		
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		

Where a physician is an Employer

There are occupational health and safety obligations to those that work for you

Employers need to develop a plan that reduces the risk of exposure. Eg to COVID-19

That plan will address how:

- Your workplace is organized and arranged
- Some specific activities are carried out
- You clean and sanitize
- Changes and precautions will be communicated to everyone at the workplace
- <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates/covid-19-returning-safe-operation>

WorkSafeBC Prevention

WorkSafeBC - who we are

- Statutory agency mandated by the BC government
- Accountable to the BC government, employers, and workers in BC to regulate/oversee health and safety
- Includes claims, prevention, assessment (different from the rest of Canada)
- Write and enforce the Workers' Compensation Act and the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation

3 Lines of Business at WorkSafeBC

Prevention

- Occupational health and safety regulator and inspectorate
- Education & Consultation
- 500,000+ workplaces
- ~ 40,000 inspections/yr

Insurance

- Sole insurer of workers' compensation in British Columbia
- Employer funded
- 225,000+ registered employers
- ~ 2.2 million workers covered

Claims

- Income replacement benefits
- Clinical, return to work, and emotional support
- Long term pensions
- Exempt from the Canada Health Act

Prevention - Who we are



- Prevention Services - inspectorate
- Consultation and Education Services (CES) - outreach
- Fatal and Serious Injury Investigations (FSI)
- Strategic Engagements

Prevention - what we do

We help make workplaces healthy and safe through:

- Enforcement and consultation
- Education and outreach
- Investigating incidents



Application of the Workers Compensation Act, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation, and related Policy and Guideline.

High-Risk Strategies

Construction



- Falls from elevation
- Health and safety responsibilities
- Tools, equipment, and process

Manufacturing



- Combustion and explosion risks
- Employer self evaluation
- Sawmill CD
- Slips, trips, falls

Forestry



- Tree falling
- Log transport
- Cable yarding
- Silviculture
- Mechanized harvesting
- Phase congestion

Health Care



- Violence
- Musculoskeletal injuries
- Employer internal responsibility systems

Industry Initiatives

Asbestos – Residential and Commercial
Lead, silica sensitizer, solar, and welding fumes

Confined space

Crane

Film and production

Marine

Oil and gas

Process safety

Agriculture

Bullying, harassment and discrimination

Program and committee evaluation (PACE)

Serious injury prevention initiative (SIPI)

Sustained Compliance

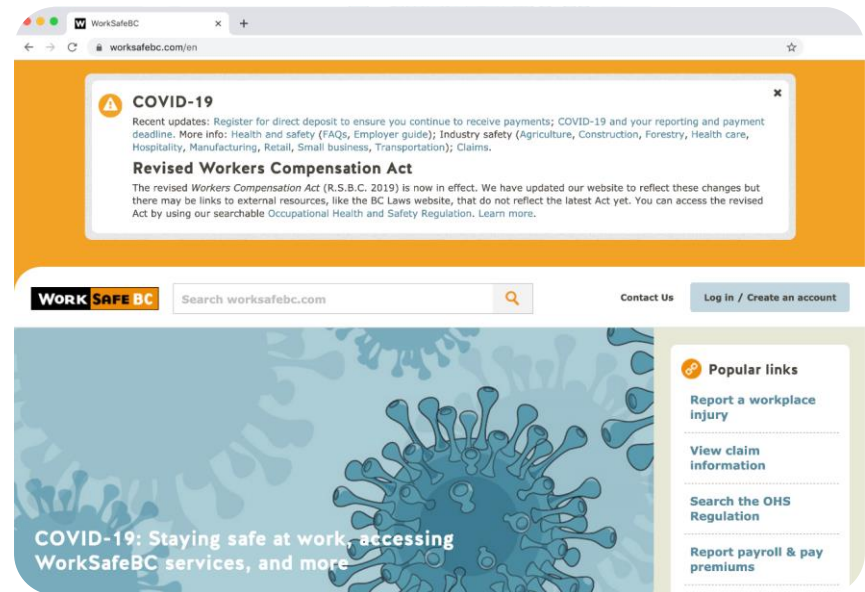
Small Business

Psychological Safety



Accessing WorkSafeBC services

- WorkSafeBC has been deemed an essential service.
- Check worksafebc.com for regular updates and announcements.
- We are committed to continuing to provide core services for workers and employers around the province, which includes helping employers prevent workplace injury, illness, and disease.



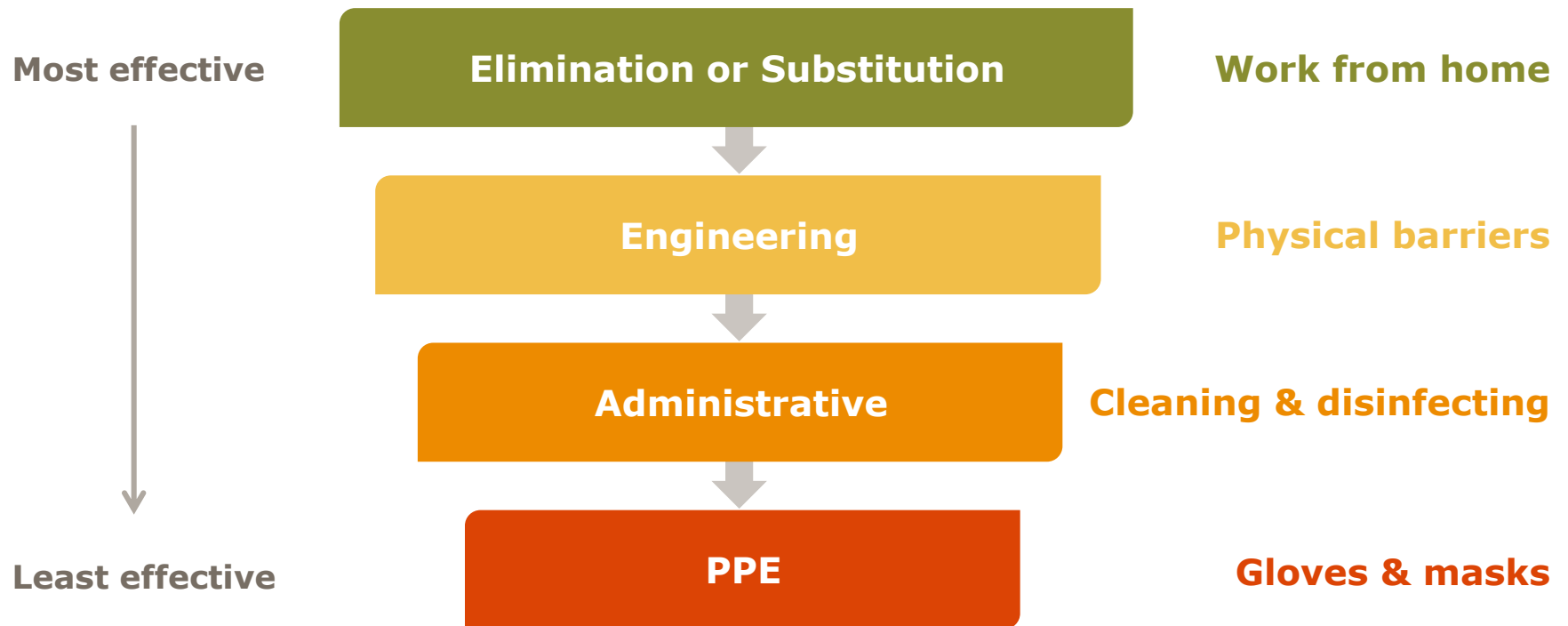
WorkSafeBCs role – COVID19 and returning to safe operation

On May 6, 2020, the provincial government outlined its plan to restart B.C. safely. Employers preparing to resume operations must develop plans* to reopen safely, which includes assessing the risk of COVID-19 transmission in their workplace, and developing measures to reduce these risks.

How WorkSafeBC is partnering in B.C.'s Restart Plan – Phased approach

- Engaging workers, employers, industry, and other stakeholders to help them understand the health and safety measures they need to have in place
- General guidance to employers on returning to safe operation now on worksafebc.com
- Specific resources to be developed for industries as they prepare to reopen
- Collaboration with respective Colleges.
- Guidance will be available shortly. * *WorkSafeBC will not review or approve the plans of individual employers, but during a WorkSafeBC inspection we will ask employers about the steps they have taken to protect their workers.*

Reduce risk with the hierarchy of controls



WorkSafeBC's prevention efforts – COVID-19

Prevention field officers and occupational health and safety consultants are still performing **inspections, education, and consultations.**

Online resources:

- [General health and safety information for all workers and employers](#)
- [Preventing exposure to COVID-19 in the workplace: A guide for employers](#)
- [FAQs](#)
- [Industry information pages](#)
- [Announcements and updates](#)
- [E-newsletter](#) and social media

Prevention Information Line:

- Workers and employers can speak to a prevention officer to get answers to questions.
- If required, a prevention officer will be assigned to assess the health and safety risk at your workplace.
- Call **604.276.3100** in the Lower Mainland or **1.888.621.SAFE** toll-free within B.C.

Claims: Info for workers and employers – COVID-19

WorkSafeBC continues to support injured and ill workers and their employers during the pandemic.

Existing claims

- Payments continue.
- Submit expenses and manage claims through the [Online Services Portal](#).
- Service continues, including updates, treatment plans, and return-to-work procedures.

New claims

- Tell your employer, seek first aid/medical attention, and report to WorkSafeBC. This **includes work-related illness cases of COVID-19**.
- Continue to report using phone, online, fax, or mail.
- Services to register, adjudicate, and make payments will continue.
- If you disagree with a decision, you can request a review from the **Review Division**.

For more info, see the [COVID-19 Claims FAQs](#) on worksafebc.com, call the **Claims Call Centre** at 1.888.967.5377, or use the [Email us](#) form on worksafebc.com.

Mental Health: Helping you & your workers cope – COVID-19

Psychological health is of equal importance to physical health.

How you can help:

- Support the mental well-being of workers by helping them manage stress, anxiety and uncertainty created by the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Leverage existing resources
 - [Managing COVID-19 Stress, Anxiety and Depression](#) (Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions)
 - [Mental Health and Psychosocial Considerations During COVID-19 Outbreak](#) (World Health Organization)
 - [Coronavirus: Managing Stress and Anxiety](#) (Canadian Mental Health Association)
 - [Mental Health and COVID-19](#) (Conference Board of Canada)
 - [Taking Care of Your Mental Health \(COVID-19\)](#) (Public Health Agency of Canada)

COVID-19: Staff, Self and Office Safety – Infection Control & Prevention

COVID-19 - Mode of transmission

- Contact/Droplet
- Fomites

COVID-19 transmission

- Contact and Droplet Precautions -

1. COVID-19 is transmitted via liquid droplets when a person coughs or sneezes.
2. Virus in these droplets can enter through the eyes, nose or mouth at close contact (less than 2 m) with the person who coughed or sneezed.
3. Virus can also be transmitted from touching eyes, mouth or nose with unwashed hands after touching something with the virus on it.

[http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/Environmental Service Providers Health Care.pdf](http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/Environmental_Service_Providers_Health_Care.pdf)

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/covid-19-care/clinical-care>

PPE – primary care (current guidance)

Assess the risk and remember hand hygiene

- Direct Patient Care (< 2m)
 - Procedure mask
 - Gloves
 - Face shield/eye protection
 - +/- Gown (patient with COVID-like symptoms)
- Aerosol-Generating Medical Procedure
 - N-95 respirator
 - Gloves
 - Face shield/eye protection
 - Gown

Primary Care <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/covid-19-care/clinical-care/primary-care>

New today: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/covid-19-care/new-today>

Exposure Control Plan in Primary Care – *developing your written plan*

1. Assess the risk at your workplace
2. Implement measures to reduce the risk
 1. Cleaning and hygiene
 2. Maintaining physical distance
 3. Where physical distance cannot be maintained – PPE, barriers etc
3. Develop Policies
4. Develop communication plans and training
5. Monitor your workplace and update your plans as needed
6. Assess and address risks from resuming operations

<https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates/covid-19-returning-safe-operation>

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/covid-19-care/new-today>

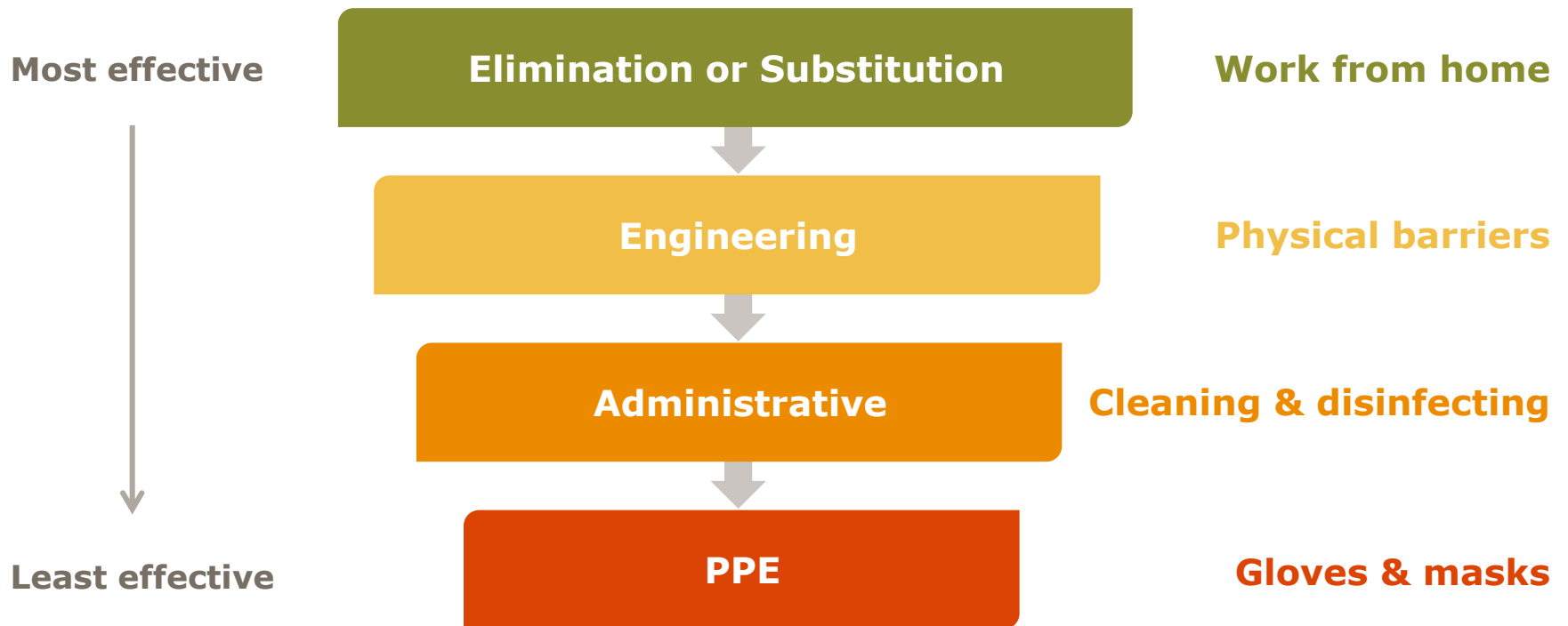
One clinic's approach to staying safe



What is working for us?

- Know the standard. BCCDC, WorkSafeBC, CPSBC
- Recheck back often
- Learn from peers
- Make small manageable changes with your whole team
- See what happens, then make the next change
- Educate staff and check in frequently
- Communicate often

Reduce risk with the hierarchy of controls



Elimination

- Working from home – or working from an exam room
- Each doc/nurse has an assigned day for in-person visits
- Reduce in-person visits Essential Services in Primary Care



March 2020

WHAT ARE ESSENTIAL SERVICES IN PRIMARY CARE?

On March 23, the Provincial Health Officer directed that “All non-essential and elective services involving direct physical contact with patients should be reduced to minimal levels, subject to allowable exceptions, until further notice.” Physicians are in the best position to determine what is essential in their specific health practice and with their patients.

We have excerpted the following examples of primary care needs that can or cannot be deferred from BC’s Pandemic Influenza Response Plan (2012). We recommend reading the document for full information.

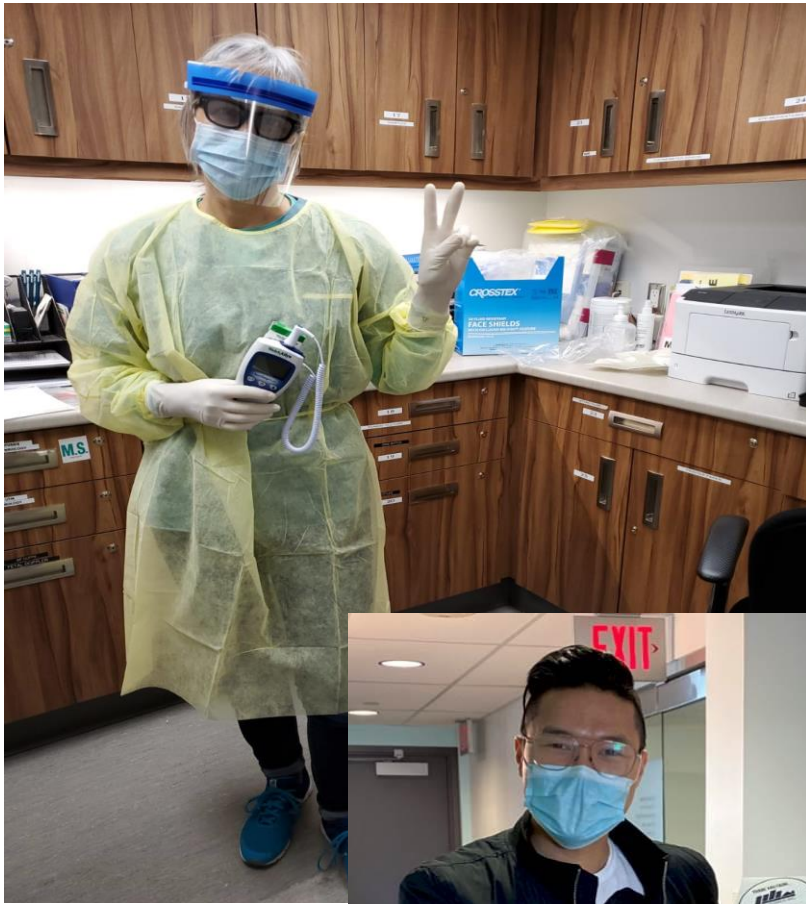
	DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLES
PRIORITY A	<p>Patients who have urgent needs and require services / treatment and would otherwise have to go to hospital for care.</p> <p>Essential preventive services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acute exacerbation of chronic illness that doesn’t require hospitalization • Complications of pregnancy • Certain acute infections, such as otitis, UTI, cellulitis, STIs, acute diarrhea with blood • Acute major illness/injury (including fractures or potential fractures or dislocations) • Acute minor injuries (e.g. lacerations that require more than taping)

Engineering & Tools

- No waiting room chairs
- No books, pamphlets, toys, magazines, fabric chairs
- Staff safety – floor markings, chairs in front of reception, (plexiglass on its way)
- Larger bins for PPE doffing in exam room
- Extra cleaning supplies
- Extra wall sanitizers at entrance
- Added virtual platform to EMR
- Added efax to EMR
- Zoom account for clinic meetings
- Mailchimp and website for mass emails and info to patients
- WhatsApp group for staff communications


Administrative

- Booking – only phone/virtual allowed
- In-person only booked by MD/RN; screen for Covid risk and flag if needed
- Do all history virtually before arrival for exam/procedure/immunization
- Screen upon arrival once again by MOA by phone (or in person)
- No extra people if possible; one parent with children.
- Screen those accompanying patients as well
- Cohort patients to reduce # providers in the clinic per day, and not mixing possible COVID with other patients
- One doctor assigned to DOD on the same day as their in-person visits
- Staff training re linens, waste, room cleaning between patients, other area cleaning twice daily, eye protection cleaning









**Community
Settings**







**Before
Work**

-  Remove all watches and jewelry
-  Wear clean clothes into work
-  Ensure you have dedicated work shoes
-  Bring a change of clean clothes in washable bag
-  Bring any food in disposable bag
-  No nail polish. Proper hand hygiene

**During
Work**

-  Sanitize phone, ID badge & glasses
-  Sanitize work-station and stethoscope
-  Hand hygiene before/after each patient interaction & when touching new surfaces
-  Sanitize meal surfaces and proper hand hygiene before eating. No shared food.
-  No hand-shaking or high fives
-  Wear appropriate PPE as directed

**After
Work**

-  Change into clean clothes. Put work clothes in washable bag. Wear clean clothes home.
-  Sanitize phone, ID badge, glasses & stethoscope
-  Remove dedicated work shoes
-  Shower at work or immediately at home
-  Water bottles/Tupperware in dishwasher
-  Work clothes + bag in washer.

Frequency of cleaning

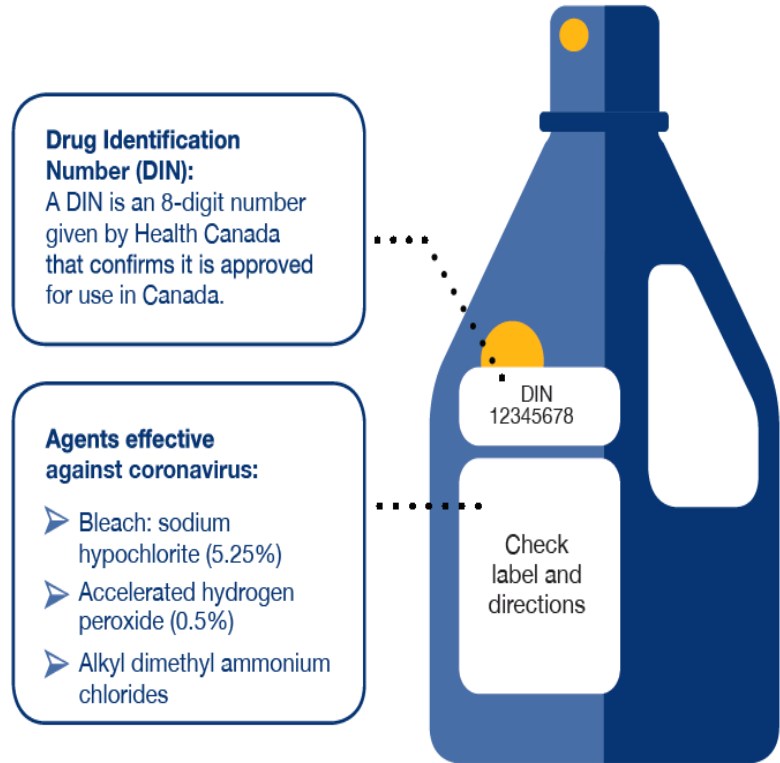
Suggested cleaning and disinfecting frequencies for clinic settings:

Type of surface	Frequency
1. Shared equipment Examples: stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs, otoscopes, baby scales, table and exam beds	IN BETWEEN PATIENTS
2. Frequently-touched surfaces Examples: medical equipment, door knobs, light switches, telephones, keyboards, mice, pens, charts, cell phones, toys, bathrooms	AT LEAST TWICE A DAY
3. General cleaning of procedure / exam rooms Examples: chairs, tables, floors	AT LEAST TWICE A DAY

For electronic equipment please comply with manufacturer's instructions to not void the warrantee.

Which product?

How do I use it?



<https://www.worksafebc.com/en/health-safety/hazards-exposures/whmis>

Cleaning PPE

Coronavirus COVID-19

BC Centre for Disease Control | BC Ministry of Health



Cleaning and Disinfection Instructions for Eye/Facial Protection

Required Equipment

1 **Cleaning products required:**
Soap (e.g. dish soap), sink or running water and disinfectant wipes (e.g. Accel wipes)

2 **PPE required:**
Exam gloves (Vinyl or Nitrile)

A **Reusable Eye Protection**
(goggles, safety glasses, faceshields without foam)

 If eye protection appears damaged or compromised: **DO NOT REUSE.**



If reusable eye protection is visibly contaminated or soiled:

B **Faceshield with Visor & Foam for Forehead Comfort**

 If foam piece is visibly soiled: **DO NOT REUSE.**

 If faceshield appears damaged or compromised: **DO NOT REUSE.**



If possible, the same person should reuse a single faceshield with foam

If faceshield is visibly contaminated or soiled (but foam piece is not):

Communication



- Use existing expertise
- Keep info on current practices in one place
- Remove outdated info
- Regular feedback loops
- Consider PSP
- Keep it social

Slido Poll – which of these actions would help you the most?

1. Know the standard and check them often
2. Learn from peers
3. Make small cycles of change
4. Educate and communicate regularly

COVID-19: Workers in Your Practice and Safety in the Workplace

Resolving concerns about unsafe work

- Workers have the right to refuse work if they believe it presents an undue hazard.
- An undue hazard is an “unwarranted, inappropriate, excessive, or disproportionate” risk, above and beyond the potential exposure a general member of the public would face through regular, day-to-day activity.
- If the matter is not resolved, the worker and the supervisor or employer must contact WorkSafeBC. Once that occurs, a prevention officer will consult with workplace parties to determine whether there is an undue hazard and issue orders if necessary

For more information, see Occupational Health and Safety Guideline G3.12.

Consult WorkSafeBC

COVID-19

Recent updates: [Register for direct deposit to ensure you continue to receive payments](#); [COVID-19 and your reporting and payment deadline](#). More info: [Health and safety \(FAQs, Employer guide\)](#); [Industry safety \(Agriculture, Construction, Forestry, Health care, Hospitality, Manufacturing, Municipalities, Retail, Small business, Transportation\)](#); [Claims](#).

Returning to safe operation

The B.C. government has announced a phased approach for reopening B.C. businesses. We are partnering in the initiative by developing specific resources for industries as they prepare to reopen. Learn more by viewing our general guide on [COVID-19 and returning to safe operation](#) and answers to [frequently asked questions](#).

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COVID-19 and returning to safe operation

WorkSafeBC recognizes the importance of worker safety as businesses look to resume operations following COVID-19 related work stoppages or interruptions. The following materials provide employers with information and resources to assist them in ensuring the risk of exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19 is minimized at their workplace.

Employers need to develop a plan that reduces the risk of exposure. That plan will address how:

- Your workplace is organized and arranged
- Some specific activities are carried out
- You clean and sanitize
- Changes and precautions will be communicated to everyone at the workplace

The following steps are provided to help you develop a plan to resume your operations in a safe manner:

<https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates/covid-19-returning-safe-operation>

Protecting mental health

- Workers in the workplace may also be affected by the anxiety and uncertainty created by the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Resources that can assist with maintaining mental health in the workplace during this time: available on WorkSafeBC site.
- <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates/covid-19-returning-safe-operation>

Can you now:

1. Describe health care professionals as workers and/or employers under the Act; and know how to be sure you are covered?
2. Identify ways in which WorkSafeBC can support community care?
3. Identify and review office based strategies to preventing or limiting transmission of COVID 19; keeping yourself, staff and patients safe?
4. Describe an approach to addressing COVID-related workplace concerns of patients, and identify the resources relevant to safety in their workplace available from WorkSafeBC and the BC Centre for Disease Control?

Slido Poll results

Links and resources

- 1. Primary Care** <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/covid-19-care/clinical-care/primary-care>
- 2. Primary Care and PPE** <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/covid-19-care/infection-control/personal-protective-equipment>
- 3. Cleaning & Disinfecting Eye and Facial Protection**
http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Professionals-Site/Documents/COVID19_EyeFacialProtectionDisinfection.pdf
- 4. Office Cleaning:** http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/Environmental_Service_Providers_Health_Care.pdf
- 5. PPE Framework:** https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/ppe_allocation_framework_march_25_2020.pdf
- 6. PHO Orders and Guidance:**
<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>
- 7. Physician Office, Cleaning:** http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Professionals-Site/Documents/COVID-19_MOH_BCCDC_EnvironmentalCleaning.pdf

Links and resources

- 8. May 8 Interim Guidance: Public Health Management** of cases and contacts associated with novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the community
http://www.bccdc.ca/resource-gallery/Documents/Guidelines%20and%20Forms/Guidelines%20and%20Manuals/Epid/CD%20Manual/Chapter%201%20-%20CDC/2019-nCoV-Interim_Guidelines.pdf
- 9. Exposures and Return to Work For Health Care Workers:**
<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/covid-19-care/testing-and-case-management-for-healthcare-workers>
- 10. Recommendations for Risk Assessment and Management of HCW:**
http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Professionals-Site/Documents/COVID19_HCW_RecommendationsRiskAssessmentExposures.pdf
- 11. Exposure Control: sections 6.34 and 5.54 of the OHS Regulation**
 - Section 6.34 Biological Agents, Exposure Control Plan: <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/law-policy/occupational-health-safety/searchable-ohs-regulation/ohs-regulation/part-06-substance-specific-requirements#SectionNumber:6.34>
 - Section 5.54(2) Controlling Exposure, Exposure Control Plan
<https://www.worksafebc.com/en/law-policy/occupational-health-safety/searchable-ohs-regulation/ohs-regulation/part-05-chemical-and-biological-substances#SectionNumber:5.54>

Links and resources

- 12. Hard-surface disinfectants and hand sanitizers (COVID-19): List of disinfectants for use against COVID-19** <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/disinfectants/covid-19/list.html>
- 13. WorkSafeBC What Employers Should Do:** <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates/health-and-safety/what-employers-should-do>
- 14. WorkSafeBC COVID and Health Care** <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates/covid-19-industry-information/health-care>
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Questions

Extra slides if needed



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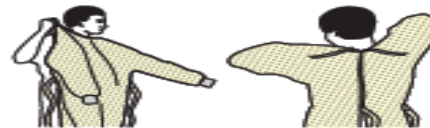
The 5 steps to Don (put on) Personal protective equipment (PPE)

1 Hand hygiene



Clean all surfaces of hands and wrists

2 Gown



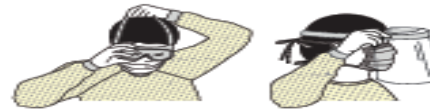
Cover torso and wrap around back, fasten in back of neck and waist

3 Surgical/procedure mask



Secure ties at middle of head and neck, fit nose band to your nose and pull bottom down to completely cover chin

4 Eye protection



Place goggles or face shield over face and eyes and adjust to fit

5 Gloves



Extend to cover wrist of gown



If you have fever, a new cough, or are






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9 Steps to Doff (Take Off) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) For Airborne Precautions (AGMP)

1 Gloves




The outside of gloves are contaminated. Grasp palm area of one gloved hand and peel off first glove. Slide fingers of hand under other glove at wrist and peel off. Discard in regular waste bin.

2 Perform Hand Hygiene




Clean all surfaces of hands and wrists.

3 Gown



Unfasten ties, pull gown away from neck and shoulders, touching **ONLY** the inside of the gown. Turn gown inside out and roll into a bundle. Place in soiled laundry hamper (if reusable) or in regular waste bin (if disposable).

4 Perform Hand Hygiene




Clean all surfaces of hands and wrists.

5 Exit Room




Exit room and perform hand hygiene.

6 Goggles or Face Shield




Do **NOT** touch the front of the eye wear. Place in receptacle for reprocessing (if reusable) or in regular waste bin (if disposable).

7 Perform Hand Hygiene



Clean all surfaces of hands and wrists.

8 N95 Respirator



Grasp ties or elastics at back and remove **WITHOUT** touching the front. Place in receptacle for reprocessing or in regular waste bin if soiled or broken.

9 Perform Hand Hygiene



Clean all surfaces of hands and wrists.



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PPE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HEALTHCARE PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN PATIENT CARE - COMMUNITY

PPE Recommendations for Ambulatory Settings

Location	Patient COVID-19 Status	Activity	Type of PPE Recommended	Comments
Waiting Rooms, Consultation and Treatment Rooms	Exam or assessment of clients without symptoms AND low-risk of COVID-19 infection	Providing direct care	Procedure Mask Eye Protection Gloves	The same Mask and Eye Protection should be used between patient rooms and Common Clinical Spaces. Use of additional PPE should be as per standard non-COVID-19 Infection Control Routine Practices/Additional Precautions Gloves should be changed between patients and doffed when leaving the patient care area
	Exam or assessment of clients with symptoms/high-risk of COVID-19 infection or with pending/positive COVID-19 test	Providing direct care	Procedure Mask Eye Protection Gown Gloves	Droplet/Contact Precautions The same Mask and Eye Protection should be used between patient rooms and in the Shared and Common Clinical Spaces. Gowns and gloves should be doffed upon leaving patient care area
		Aerosol-Generating Medical Procedures (AGMP)	N95 Respirator or equivalent (Re-usable or disposable) Eye Protection Gown Gloves	Airborne + Droplet/Contact Precautions The same Respirator and Eye Protection should be used between patient rooms and Common Clinical Spaces. Gowns and gloves should be doffed upon leaving patient room
Common Clinical Spaces (eg. Reception, supply rooms, utility rooms)		Any activity <u>2 or more meters away</u> from clients	No PPE Required Procedure Mask and Eye Protection permitted	The same Mask and Eye Protection should be used between patient rooms and in Common Clinical Spaces to conserve PPE Mask and Eye Protection can be removed if no further patient care is anticipated before a break, meal, or end of shift. Staff that do not go within 2 meters of patients are not required to wear PPE (eg. Pharmacy and inventory staff) Gloves and Gowns should not be worn in these spaces.

PPE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HEALTHCARE PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN PATIENT CARE - COMMUNITY

PPE Recommendations for Ambulatory Settings				
Location	Patient COVID-19 Status	Activity	Type of PPE Recommended	Comments
<u>Non-public spaces (eg. Break rooms Administrative areas)</u>		Any activity <u>2 or more meters away</u> from clients	No PPE required	Please doff PPE and perform hand hygiene before entering these areas

Ambulatory Settings Include

- Ambulatory Care Outpatient Clinic Environments
- Primary Care Environments
- MHSU Environments

http://ipac.vch.ca/Documents/COVID-19/Dress%20Codes%20and%20PPE/PPE_Recommendations_%28Community%29.pdf

