

Protocols for Resuming Services

Information for Families and Staff UPDATED November 23,2020

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Travel over the holiday

- If families travel off the Island, then they are asked to cancel services for 14 days following their return.
- Staff who travel off the Island are asked to either cancel services for 14 days following return or be tested and receive a negative Covid test before returning.



Wellness Screening - CRITICAL

SELF

- You should screen yourself everyday. By going to your shift you are affirming your are well. Do you have any of the following:
 - Cough
 - Fever or chills
 - Loss of sense of smell/taste
 - Sore Throat
 - Loss of appetite
 - Headache/body ache
 - Extreme fatigue
 - Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea

OTHERS

- Check in with the families to ensure the individual AND none of their family members are exhibiting any of the symptoms associated with COVID.
- Check if travel has occurred by family members within the last 14 days.

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New Public Health Order Info

- Most of the PHO info is related to private behaviours and to community based group business activities.
- This link has all of the new PHO information from November 19th, 2020: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/restrictions#pho-order
- Key Info:
 - Mask wearing in public spaces (homes are not public), but staff will wear masks and parents and older children will be encouraged to wear them too.

Handwashing



- The key control for the prevention of a resurgence in COVID-19 is handwashing.
- Staff will be required to wash their hands when they arrive at a home and before they leave.
- Use warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds.
- Bring your own tea/hand towel and keep it in a baggie.

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When is hand hygiene required

- Before and after contact with any person, their body substances or items contaminated by them
- Before putting on and after taking off gloves
- After performing personal functions (e.g. using the toilet, blowing your nose)
- When hands come into contact with any bodily fluids, or contaminated surfaces/objects



Sneezing/Coughing - Protect Others

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow
- o Throw used tissues in the trash
- Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Dispose of any tissues you have used as soon as possible in a lined wastebasket and wash your hands afterwards.



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Hand Sanitizer

- If you are relying on hand sanitizer instead of hand washing, it must contain at least 60% alcohol to be effective.
- The hand sanitizer must have a DIN (drug identification number). Homemade or alternative hand sanitizers are not acceptable.



Reinforcers

- Staff, if you bring your own reinforcers to the session, you must clean them between individuals.
- Hot soapy water is best, as the soap disrupts the virus.
- You may also wipe down an item using a Lysol wipe if you prefer or if you don't have time between individuals.



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Gloves

the session.

If you need to support nose blowing of your person served, please wear gloves for that activity. Also, if your person served drools and requires support to manage that excretion,

Wash your hands in warm soapy water before and afterwards.

please wear gloves during



If you have symptoms

 According to WorksafeBC, anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 such as sore throat, fever, or coughing should self-isolate at home for 10 days from onset of symptoms - please reach out to the Health Authority to be tested.



 Please organize with families to check in at a set consistent time prior to session.

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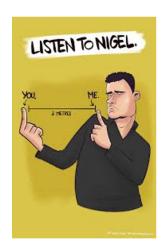
Others with COVID

- Staff and families if you live with someone who has tested positive or who is awaiting test results because they exhibit symptoms of Covid-19 and its suspected, you must self-isolate for 14 days.
- Anyone advised through contact tracing to self-isolate must also self-isolate.



Numbers & Space

- As much as possible, maintain social distancing with family members of the individual being served.
- BC's you may need to Zoom visit a team for overlap.
- Be mindful of your off time: where are your going, who are you socializing with - are you maintaining the recommendations from the province?



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Daycares, Camps, Schools....

- We will provide support in a side room in a daycare/school setting that is one on one with the individual served.
- The table surfaces in that room should be wiped using spray solution utilized by the facility.
- Masks must be worn by our staff working in a group setting.



PPE

PPE (N95) masks are not recommended for health care workers unless they are working with patients with the illness.

Masks of any sort are not recommended for children. Face masks (surgical style), prevent you from passing on the illness via coughing without covering/or moist talking, but do not protect you.



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Physical Distancing - School Age Learners



- If your school age learner is able to work well via Zoom, then use this practice if the family is satisfied.
- If your school age learner needs in-person supports, then maintain physical distancing as much as possible and wear a mask.
- Parents should wear masks if they are in the same space.

Physical Distancing - Early Intervention



- Physical distancing with El learners is often not possible.
- Cough covering by EI and some SA learners can be problematic
- Staff working with EI learners will be issued a face shield (SA too if needed)
- The face shield will protect you from unexpected, uncovered sneezes/coughs.