Safely Re-Open Your Non-Profit Webinar

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We recognize that our places of work and Vancouver Coastal Health facilities lie on the traditional homelands of the fourteen First Nation communities of Heiltsuk, Kitasoo-Xai’xais, Lilwat, Musqueam, N’Quatqua, Nuxalk, Samahquam, Sechelt, Skatin, Squamish, Tla’amin, Tsleil-Waututh, Wuikinuxv, and Xa’xtsa.
Not-for-profits in the time of a pandemic

• Core work to address social determinants of health (impacted by COVID-19)
• Public health crises including homelessness, food security, social isolation, mental health and substance use
• Voluntary closures / adapted services to reduce risk to clients and staff
• Phase 1 services in BC’s Restart Plan (generally)
• Nuanced considerations for re-opening
Role of Office of Chief Medical Health Officer for VCH

- Dr. Bonnie Henry (province) and Dr. Patty Daly (VCH)
- VCH Medical Health Officers role
- VCH Environmental Health role
- Testing and tracing process with Public Health at VCH
How WorkSafe and VCH work together

- WorkSafe supports employers in creating a safe workplace
- VCH supports the public in following provincial health orders
- Complementary guidance to support those providing and using services

How you might interact with VCH regularly

- Dietitians
- Public health nurses
- Community Investments
- Environmental Health Officer
- If applicable: staff to help with testing and tracing
Sustained decrease in rate of new COVID-19 cases in VCH
Decreased cases across VCH
BC’s Restart Plan

**Phase 1 (local pandemic growth)**
- Organizations and businesses not closed under Public Health Orders
- Health services

**Phase 2 (current phase: mid-May onward)**
- Elective surgery
- Other medical: Dentistry, physiotherapy etc.
- Hair salons, barbers, other personal service establishments
- Restaurants, cafes, pubs (not nightclubs or casinos)
- Museums, art galleries, libraries

**Phase 3 (June, to be based on health data and PHO determination)**
- K-12 schools – partial June 1, full return September
- Hotels and resorts
- Film industry, select entertainment venues
- Post-secondary schools – September

Maintain access to testing, robust public health follow-up of cases and contacts

All workplaces must develop and implement a COVID-19 safety plan.

Safety plan requirements for each sector developed by WorkSafe BC.
Key public health messaging

This remains the same throughout the phases:

• Staying home while sick
• Keeping 2 metres/6 feet of distance whenever possible
• Hand hygiene
• Cleaning high touch points more frequently
COVID-19 prevention: a multi-barrier approach

(The ‘hierarchy of controls’)

- **Elimination Controls**
  - Stay home if you are sick and maintain physical distancing.

- **Engineering Controls**
  - Change the design & layout of the facility and install barriers.

- **Administrative Controls**
  - Establish rules, and change policies, procedures and daily operations.

- **PPE**
  - Use personal protective equipment - as a last resort, and always in combination with other control measures.

More effective
Consider first

Effectiveness at preventing exposure

Less effective
Consider as needed
Resources and Supports

- VCH Environmental Health can review re-opening safety plans
  - Please contact EHVC@vch.ca – expect a prompt response!
  - Community food programs
  - Washrooms and showers
  - Other community and social services
- COVID assessment line: 604-290-3208 seven days a week, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Coming soon: integrated VCH guidance for the not-for-profit sector