

Subject: COVID-19 Updates - July 5, 2021 - Step 3 of BC Restart  
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## Entering Step 3 of the BC Restart Plan

With British Columbians achieving nearly 80% adult Dose 1 vaccine coverage and COVID-19 case counts continuing to decline, the Province is safely moving to Step 3 of its four-step restart plan on July 1, 2021.

During Step 3, businesses will gradually transition to new communicable disease plans, with guidelines for these plans released by WorkSafeBC on June 28. These guidelines were developed in consultation with public health and businesses will continue to be supported by WorkSafeBC and the PHO as they transition.



[WorkSafe BC – Preparing for Step 3 of BC’s Restart: Communicable Disease Prevention](#)

### Do I need to keep some of the existing protocols from my COVID-19 Safety Plan?

Some of the fundamental elements of communicable disease prevention are similar to the measures employers and workers have been following during the pandemic, including:

- Not coming to work if you are sick
- Healthy hand hygiene practices, including hand washing and covering coughs and sneezes
- Maintaining a clean work environment
- Ensuring adequate ventilation
- Supporting employees in receiving vaccinations for vaccine-preventable conditions to the extent that you are able

It is anticipated that, beginning in Step 3, other protocols, like distancing and barriers, will no longer be required. However, for the time being during the transition period, the [provincial health officer has issued a statement](#) recommending that employers maintain some of their current protocols, specifically those that do not negatively impact business operations.

There may also be instances where, based on direction from Public Health, employers may need to re-introduce additional safety measures if there's an elevated risk of COVID-19 transmission in their workplace or community.

**Spectrum's Policy on Communicable Disease Prevention:**

Our policy on communicable disease prevention is on our website and linked below:

<https://sscl.sharevision.ca/public/PolicyDirectory/General%20Policies/30.0.PreventionCommunicableDiseases.pdf>

Over the next two months we will be taking down the COVID Safety Plan signs and move towards homes and offices that have the guidelines and supplies available to reduce the transmission of all communicable diseases.

## **CLBC Conference Call – COVID 19 Updates – June 28, 2021 – Recording Available**

CLBC and the BC CEO Network hosted a call for Service Providers and Home Share providers on June 28, 2021. There is a recording of the call available on the CLBC website at:

<https://www.communitylivingbc.ca/for-service-providers/information-about-the-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-for-clbc-funded-service-providers/teleconference-calls-service-providers/>

Guest speakers on the call included the Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, Nicholas Simons, and the Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry.

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