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Emergency supports extended for vulnerable people

The Province of BC is extending federal employment insurance exemptions and the provincial temporary crisis supplement.

These extensions will help ensure people on income or disability assistance and low-income seniors will continue to have access to the supports they need during the pandemic.

“B.C.’s response to COVID-19 has been strong and swift, but we are not out of the woods yet,” said Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction. “The extension of these programs will allow some breathing room for people to get back on their feet as we move through our restart plan.”

The temporary \$300 crisis supplement will continue to be automatically applied to cheques distributed July 22 and Aug. 26, 2020.

[Read more here...](#)

Join CLBC’s teleconference for families about COVID-19 recovery

Dear family members, Please join CLBC for a teleconference call on Thursday, July 9, for family members on COVID-19 recovery. Deputy Provincial Health Officer Dr. Daniele Behn Smith will join CLBC CEO Ross Chilton to respond to health related questions you may have as services begin to be restored in Phases 2 and 3.

Families are providing very important support to their loved ones during the pandemic. We have received a request for a call for them to ask questions about keeping their sons and daughters safely supported as our province opens again. Please submit your questions in advance using the information below.

Speakers on this call will include:

Dr. Daniele Behn Smith, Deputy Provincial Health Officer
Ross Chilton, CEO, Community Living BC

When: Thursday, July 9, 2020

Time: 10:05 a.m. – 11 a.m.

How to call in:

Vancouver – 604-681-0260

Elsewhere – 1-877-353-9184

Participant code: 37568#

Special Instructions: Due to the large number of participants please start dialing in at 10:00 a.m.

Submit questions for Dr. Behn Smith in advance to CLBCInfo@gov.bc.ca by 12 noon on Wednesday, July 8, using the words “COVID Recovery Questions” in the subject line.

For the latest information from CLBC, please [visit our COVID-19 web page for individuals and families here](#).

New WorkSafeBC guidance for the social services sector

WorkSafeBC has released additional guidance for the community social services sector for returning to safe operations in Phases 2 and 3.

You can find them here:

[Community Social Services \(non-residential\)](#)

[Community Social Services \(residential\)](#)

These are helpful new resources that complement other guidance and provide useful information to support your work in community living settings.

Updates on Extra Support

- **Home Share Providers** got a third month of emergency funding deposited to their accounts on June 30th, 2020. Thanks to CLBC and the Province of BC for that extra support.
- **Pandemic Pay** was announced by the Government of Canada and Province of BC for frontline workers. \$4/hour for straight time hours from March 15 for 16 weeks (until July 4th) is the plan for the pandemic pay. We have not heard any more on the details of how we receive this

funding so that we can apply it to our employees' paycheques.

- **Recruitment and Retention / Low Wage Redress:** The Provincial Government has announced funding for non-union agencies to address recruitment and retention through wages increases and we hope to apply these increases to our wage grids this month, with retroactive pay to April 2020.
- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Cleaning Supplies:** Let your managers know if you need any access to PPE or cleaning supplies as we still have good stocks of supplies at the office. Managers put in orders to Judy at the office using the sharevision form.

Let us know if you have any questions or need any assistance.

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