
Subject: COVID-19 Update - March 31, 2020

Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 9:39:21 PM Pacific Daylight Time

Good evening;

There were a few updates from the government today:

March 31, 2020 Joint Statement on Province of BC's COVID-19 response:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EMBC0018-000604>

“We are at a critical juncture in our provincial COVID-19 response. Every British Columbian has a part to play to flatten the curve. We must all do the right thing and be 100% committed.

“No one is immune, but everyone can make a difference. If you are older, staying home keeps you away from those who could put you at risk. If you are young, staying apart means you are preserving important capacity within our health-care system for our elders and others at highest risk.

Child Care for Essential Services Workers:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EMBC0018-000604>

To support parents who are essential service workers during the response to novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the Province is launching a new process.

This process will match parents, who are working on the front lines of B.C.'s COVID-19 response and have children up to five years of age, with child care in their communities.

Starting today, essential workers can fill out a new “parent” form to identify their need for urgent child care. Forms can be accessed by calling 1 888 338-6622 and selecting Option 4, or online: www.gov.bc.ca/essential-service-child-care

Services for community living are included in the Essential Services list so if you could benefit from access to increased childcare so you can work, we encourage you to explore this service.

The second CLBC Teleconference for Individuals and Families:

Please join the **Honourable Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction***, **Deputy Minister David Galbraith**, **Dr. Daniele Behn Smith, Deputy Provincial Health Officer**, and **Community Living CEO Ross Chilton** for our latest updates on services and supports. (**Due to a very busy schedule, Minister Simpson is expected to join our call by 12 noon*).

When: Thursday, April 2, 2020

Time: 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.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 11:05 a.m. During this call our speakers will provide an update and respond to as many questions as possible submitted prior to the previous call and received this week.

We look forward to having you join us. For the latest information from CLBC, please [visit our COVID-19 web page for individuals and families here](#).

A Big THANK YOU from our Board of Directors!

The Board of Directors of Spectrum met tonight, on ZOOM of course, and after hearing a report of all the great things that staff are doing to keep people safe and healthy, wanted to send a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone. They appreciate how brave, hard-working, caring and thoughtful you all are as you provide care in these uncertain times.

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