

**Subject:** COVID-19 Update - May 6 2020

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## Key Principles Going Forward

The Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry introduced these principles on Monday. Today at 3pm the government will explain some of the concrete next steps in reducing restrictions. These principles are going to be part of our new normal for the next year, to help everyone stay healthy and safe.

- Staying informed, being prepared and following public health advice.
- Practicing good hygiene (hand hygiene, avoid touching face, respiratory etiquette, disinfect frequently touched surfaces).
- Staying at home and away from others if feeling ill – not going to school/work.
- Maintaining physical distancing outside the household (eg. No hand shaking or hugging, small numbers of contacts and keeping a safe distance).
- Making necessary contact safer with appropriate controls (eg. Plexiglass barriers, room design).
- Increasing environmental cleaning at home and work.
- Considering the use of non-medical masks in situations where physical distancing cannot be maintained (eg. On transit, shopping).
- Reducing personal non-essential travel.

## 7 Ways to Support British Columbia's Travel Industry

British Columbians are passionate about adventure—whether climbing the highest [Kootenay Rockies](#) peaks with a guide, sipping wine in an [Okanagan](#) vineyard, or casting a line in a fishing boat off the shores of [Vancouver Island](#). Today, however, we're living a reality that prevents us from exploring BC's big, beautiful backyard, so we can slow the spread of COVID-19.

Our current focus is on staying home, and this reality means that small businesses—the lifeblood of many tourism experiences—are shouldering the weight of the virus's impact. More than 90 per cent of the province's 19,000 businesses have fewer than 50 employees, and while some operations are [showing their support](#) to those on the front lines, many are not in a position to do so, as they've had to pause operations indefinitely.

So, how do we help our local industries survive? After all, these are more than businesses—

these people connect us to the world around us, to our roots and to other cultures; they offer rich experiences that inspire us, fire up our imaginations, and offer a feeling of belonging. They are integral to the communities we live in and lean on today, as well as to the communities that will help us explore later, when the time is right.

Here are [Seven ways to support British Columbia's travel industry—now.](#)

1. Stay at Home.
2. Plan your next vacation.
3. Walk in the woods, view bears, and more.
4. Eat Local.
5. Drink Local.
6. Support Local Artisans.
7. Stay Informed.

## **May 9, 2020 at 4pm PDT – The Power of Disability Concert Presented by Al Etmanski**

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The Power of Disability Concert is a live-streamed celebration showcasing the power of disability through music, storytelling, and humour. It will entertain and bring joy and laughter into your lives, create a sense of community and to remind ourselves we're in this together.

Performers include Amy Amantea (Actor), Christa Couture (Musician, Writer, Broadcaster), Maxim Fomitchev (Mime, Clown & Physical Comedian), Sarah Jickling (Singer/Songwriter), Greg '77 Spokes' Labine (Singer/Songwriter), Niall McNeil and Marcus Youssef (Theatre Artists), David Roche (Humorist) and Kristina Shelden (Singer/Songwriter).

Plus many more surprise guests.

Our host is actor and playwright James Sanders.

Ticket proceeds go to Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network. PLAN has been building networks of support for more than thirty years. And have ramped up their work during this virus.

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\*If you need information regarding ASL interpretation or CC, please reach out to us as we will have these services available! We will have a fully described version to release after the event, too!

Let us know if you have any questions.

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