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Back to Basics – Part 1

It's been six months since the Province started implementing measures to limit the spread of Covid-19 and six months since we started providing regular updates on Spectrum's pandemic planning. Some of the guidance has changed over this time as health experts have learned more about this virus. We know much more than we did six months ago. Spectrum will continue to provide the most up-to-date information and to take our lead from the provincial and federal health authorities. To that end, we thought this would be a good time to review some of the fundamentals of our Covid-19 strategy.

Primary Sources

There are countless sources of information on Covid-19, some more reliable than others. We will continue to focus on the information and guidelines provided by the provincial and federal health authorities, including the [Government of Canada](#), the [Province of BC](#) and [BC Centre for Disease Control](#). We are also following the direction of [CLBC](#) regarding the safety of individuals served and of [WorkSafe BC](#) regarding the safety of our employees.



[BC Centre for Disease Control](#)

Safety of Individuals

The health and safety of the individuals we serve is our top priority. About half of the individuals in Spectrum's services have health conditions or other vulnerabilities that put them at higher risk for serious illness if they are exposed to Covid-19. We have carefully assessed the risk factors for each individual and implemented safeguards to address each person's unique situation. We will continue to review and revise these plans over the coming months.

Safety of Staff and Caregivers

Protecting the staff and caregivers who provide essential support to individuals is also a top priority. Providing access to PPE, training and enhanced health benefits are important parts of our overall human resources strategy. We want everyone providing support to feel safe and to have the necessary tools to do their job safely. We will continue to work closely with our teams to identify needs and respond to them promptly. If staff have any questions or concerns about their safety, we encourage them to speak to their supervisor or to HR.

Tomorrow – Back to Basics Part 2

Each day this week, we will provide a Back to Basics update. Stay tuned!

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