

Campbell River and District Association for Community Living

COVID-19 Update – June 16, 2020

All programs are continuing to run as-is, for the time being. We have been working hard to get all of our ducks in a row in order to begin our gradual reopening of our Day Programs, and Children's Services. It appears that this isn't likely to happen until early July.

We need to complete our COVID-19 Worksafe BC Safety Plan with the OSH committee today. Once this is complete, we then need to do a similar plan with each program. We have begun the work of our Recovery Plan (reopening) but there is a lot of work in this area. Each program must complete their safety plan – doing risk assessments of all aspects of reopening (building, program area, and the risks for the staff, and clients). Once we have the Recovery Plans in place, all staff must be trained, and concurrently, we will be sending the plans to our funders (CLBC, and MCFD). If all is approved, we will be letting individuals know when they will be scheduled to attend their programs. Please be aware, that we will be doing this in a very slow, and gradual basis, so not all individuals will be participating right away. We need to limit the number of people at each worksite to ensure physical distancing. Safety is our number one goal, and if we do our planning as directed by WorksafeBC and the Provincial Health Officer, everyone should be safe when attending our programs.

The good news is that there hasn't been any new cases of COVID-19 on the Island, but this is due to the tight restrictions, adherence to physical distancing, and constant planning on everyone's part. This doesn't mean that we should become complacent. Where physical distancing isn't possible at a worksite, we will be expecting individuals to wear masks. This has been recommended by the Provincial Health Officer, and the BCCDC. We continue to try to obtain PPE's for all program areas, to include disinfectants for cleaning, masks, hand sanitizers, etc.

Where possible, some programs will continue to do virtual service until we move into Phase 3 and 4 of the Provincial Recovery Plan. This has been working well for some individuals and families. Not everyone is ready to attend worksites where they may be at risk of contracting the virus.

Once we have all of the plans in place, we will be posting the procedures for the programs, so everyone is aware of how we're going to move forward.

I'd like to take this time to thank all of the client/participants for being patient, the caregivers that have had to adjust their schedules, and the staff who have been more than flexible in how we are providing service. This truly has brought out the best in all people involved in our organization. Thank You!!!

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