



## **COVID-19 INFORMATION MEMO 29 June 2020**

### **B.C. Restart Plan Phase 3**

#### **Summary**

Our province has reduced positive cases to a low point. Officials are confident about entering Phase 3 of the Restart Plan. As we enter this new phase, here are some changes and continued precautions that you can expect:

1. Non-essential travels within B.C. are allowed. This means that residents can travel within the province as hotels, motels, resorts, spas, and RV parks reopen. Residents are encouraged to plan ahead any travels and take necessary precautions.
2. There is still a transmission risk. Residents should maintain COVID-19 health practices.
3. Children's sleep away camps are closed. However, many day camps are running with limited numbers. Online day camps are also an option.
4. Students in kindergarten through Grade 12 will return to classrooms in September. This could change if the course of the pandemic changes.

**Remember: stay home if you are sick, wash your hands regularly, stay 2m apart when in public, and wear a face mask where you cannot stay 2m apart.**

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#### **More Detailed Information**

##### **1. Non-essential travels within B.C.**

Residents of B.C. are invited to travel carefully within the province as more restrictions ease under Phase 3. While some communities rely on tourism, others might not be ready to welcome travelers. Many First Nations are closed to visitors and may not change their travel policies. When traveling:

- Plan ahead and research the area to visit before heading out.
- If you're at all sick, stay home.
- If you get sick on the road, self-isolate immediately and call 811 for medical guidance.
- Support local businesses in those communities that welcome visitors.

- Be aware that smaller communities may not have the resources to support visitors - bring your own groceries and essential supplies.

People arriving in B.C. from outside the country must quarantine for 14 days. The border with the U.S. remains closed to non-essential travels.

## **2. Maintain COVID-19 health practices and social distancing measures**

There is still a risk of virus transmission in our province. Little is changing for social interactions in Phase 3. Generally, you should:

- Limit the number of people in your immediate bubble.
- Keep gatherings small (2-6 people) outside your bubble.
- Continue hand washing, practicing good hygiene, and space cleaning.
- Maintain 2 metres away from others, and consider wearing a non-medical face mask when physical distancing isn't possible.
- It is ok to hug or kiss people within a bubble. However, do NOT share hugs or handshakes with people outside your bubble.

## **3. Children's camps**

- Sleep away camps are closed for the entire summer.
- Some day camps are operating with limited numbers and safety protocols.
- Keep your children at home if they are at all sick.
- For parents who are concerned about sending their children to day camps, "digital" day camps are available for sign-ups as well.

## **4. Returning to school in September**

- Students in K-12 are expected to return to the classroom in September.
- This can change if the course of the pandemic changes.
- Post-secondary institutions will develop their own plans and have different approaches to in-person instruction in September.

While the risks of COVID-19 have not passed, B.C. is seeing great results in the pandemic response. Officials are confident that we are acting in a way that will allow us to take the next step. As we enjoy the beginning of summer, it is important to be mindful and follow the guidelines.