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**To:** Agency-Wide/NACL Board of Directors

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**From:** Graham Morry, Executive Director

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**Date:** June 24, 2020

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**Re:** CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19 UPDATE

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## Current Situation

The Island continues to do well in keeping the virus at bay, with the exception of a recent report of one more case – bringing us to 131 out of the total 2,835 cases province-wide announced yesterday.

## Service Recovery Plan (Reporting to CLBC)

As the Provincial Health Office (PHO) continues to assess risk and provide direction as we move into Phase 3 of recovery, CLBC has asked us to provide them with a document that outlines what a re-opening of services might look like. The following is an excerpt from the CLBC website that describes the overarching goals of the service recovery initiative:

***“As CLBC and service providers move from Stage 1 to Stage 2, gradual service recovery, the transition must be collaborative and intentional, and guided by the following goals, developed by the Re-imagining Community Inclusion Steering Committee:***

### Over-arching

- ***Minimize risk for those who are at high risk for severe illness from COVID-19 (Older and/or physically vulnerable adults e.g. those with chronic conditions) by continuing Stage 1 approaches as much as possible for now.***
- ***Support emotional and physical wellness of those who are not at high risk for severe illness from COVID-19 (i.e. younger and physically healthy adults) by gradually increasing their participation in employment and leisure activities. This is with a small and consistent group of friends/family/colleagues to start.***
- ***Ensure that those who are not at high risk for severe illness from COVID-19 that cannot consistently practice physical distancing are supported to access community at times and in ways that keep them and others safe.”***

The full document can be found here, on CLBC’s website:

<https://www.communitylivingbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/Stage-2-Recovery-Interim-Requirements-and-Guidance-FNL.pdf>

## NACL’s Approach

Our approaches will differ, depending on the service and the specific needs of the individual. The draft document has been completed and after review with CLBC, will be released. Some services such as Community Inclusion (Actions) will be more affected, as our ability to have group activities and access the community have been significantly hampered. We are working with the team and persons served to determine a service provision model that reflects our current reality.

All of our services will need to maintain a high level of diligence, as we're not out of the woods yet – and we still have real concerns about a second wave of COVID-19 in the fall.

**In Conclusion...**

I'll report again in two weeks, unless there are any significant developments in the meantime. Please be sure to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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