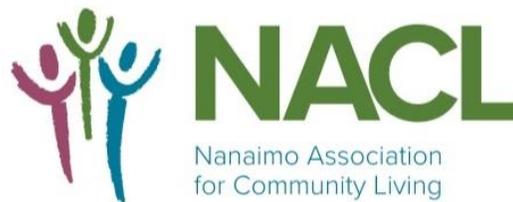


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**To:** Agency-Wide/NACL Board of Directors

**From:** Graham Morry, Executive Director

**Date:** April 22, 2020

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

## Current Situation

We continue to monitor Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry's daily briefings. As of the latest report:

- The Island has seen a spike of COVID-19, with eight (8) new cases in the last 48 hours, for a total of 110 cases.
- 1,795 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in BC.
- 90 people have died of their illness.
- A total of 103 people are in hospital, including 46 in intensive or critical care.
- 1,079 people have recovered from the disease.
- 28 employees of a Vancouver chicken processing plant have tested positive for the Novel Coronavirus.
- New community outbreaks within our province are a concern.

Although things appear to be levelling out provincially and there is discussion of a gradual re-opening of some services, we as an agency will need to remain diligent. This means that our position on internal protocols has not changed and will not change for the foreseeable future, as we have a higher duty of care due to the vulnerability of the people we serve.

We will continue to strengthen all areas of operation including staffing, equipment sourcing and health and safety practices, as we prepare for outbreaks and the potential of a second wave of COVID-19 come fall.

I know I've expressed my thanks before, but you are really coming through at a particularly trying time – and all I can say is that when prudent to do so, we will have one hell of a staff appreciation party!

## Occupational Health and Safety Committee

The OH&S Committee has had a few special meetings regarding COVID-19, and continues to meet regularly. Gina Tremayne and Max Miles are available as Worker Reps from NACL's Joint OH&S Committee, and SRWs are Worker Health and Safety Reps at our staffed residences.

**CARF Accreditation Update**

Our next CARF survey, which was due to happen in June, has been postponed until October/November of this year. We continue to prepare as usual, and your work on Person Centered Planning (and the resulting documentation) is more essential than ever. We will get through this, and we'll be better and stronger for keeping our focus on the long term.

**In Conclusion...**

As always, please know I'm available anytime if you have any questions or concerns.

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