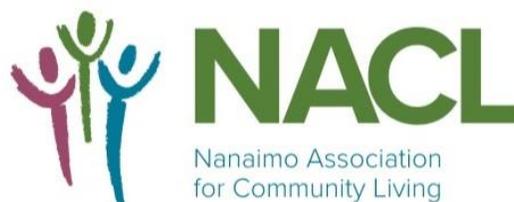


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To: Agency-Wide/NACL Board of Directors

From: Graham Morry, Executive Director

Date: June 16, 2021

Re: CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

Current Situation

Hi again, everyone. It's now three weeks since our last update – and I'm happy that we've been able to move into Phase 2 of the BC Restart Plan as of yesterday (June 15th), after meeting both vaccination and COVID-19 case/hospitalization reduction targets. Even so, we plan to proceed cautiously at NACL – which I'll discuss later in this memo.

In terms of the latest numbers, cases on the Island have thankfully plummeted in recent weeks. As of yesterday (June 15, 2021), 108 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in BC. Out of those, only four (4) of them were on Vancouver Island – where per Island Health's website, the active case count stands at 56. 41 of those cases are in the South Island region, seven (7) are in the Central Island region, and eight (8) are in the North Island region.

We're getting closer, folks – but I still want to encourage everyone to get vaccinated (please provide proof to the HR Department for each dose you receive), and to still stay vigilant – because even though the virus' impact has certainly lessened in our area of the world, it's not completely gone – and won't be for a while yet. Moving into Phase 3 on July 1st is still contingent on vaccination rates and caseloads/hospitalizations reaching certain provincial benchmarks.

COVID-19 Exposure and Control Plan

As we move through the phases of the BC Restart Plan, we will be reviewing and adjusting the **COVID-19 Exposure and Control Plan** as reasonable and necessary, bearing in mind the health and safety of persons served, family, home share providers, and staff.

Masks will continue to be mandatory for staff while on shift at least until after Labour Day, even though the Restart Plan indicates that they will be voluntary as of July 1, 2021. We are currently developing a process to support persons served to visit the homes of their families and vice versa, complete with risk assessments and written guidelines. We aim to have this process complete by the end of the week, so people can finally reconnect with their loved ones in-person.

Actions Day Program will continue with its current service delivery structure (capacity limits, pods, and distancing) until September, and will be making a staged plan to reintroduce persons served into the day program at full capacity for the fall.

All aspects of the current COVID-19 ECP will remain in effect until formal notice is provided of any changes, and dates that the changes are effective.

In Conclusion...

Assuming the next provincial benchmarks are met and we're able to enter the next phase of the BC Restart Plan on July 1st, we'll release our next COVID-19 memo three weeks from now – on Wednesday, July 7th. In the meantime, don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Please continue to take care and stay safe.

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