

Safety Advisor Guidance Protocol for Covid-19: Restarting Field Activities (BC Phase 2 and 3)

BCFSC Safety Advisors have an opportunity to provide guidance and leadership to companies during COVID-19. The following guidance material is to allow the Safety Advisors the opportunity to assist forestry companies while maintaining their safety and the safety of the workers they interact with.

Guidelines include but are not limited to:

In early stages limit Safety Advisor travel to a 260km radius operating area or what can be covered in an 8 hr/day for Regional Advisors; return home daily. **No air travel, hotels or restaurants: limiting physical contact.**

Falling Safety Advisor field visits may require extended travel beyond the 260km radius and involve air travel and overnight accommodation to service remote logging operations.

A properly planned field visit will be safer than an office visit when the company has 2 or more people.

Prior to the field visit discuss and establish with Contractors, expectations and parameters required to accomplish the visit during the COVID pandemic. This is a two-way discussion for each to provide their current controls for safe work practices during the COVID pandemic.

No visits inside a home or office. If meeting at a home or office site is required as part of the field visit, meet outside the office or home in the parking lot/yard. **Tailgate of Pickup from end to end is exactly (2m) 6 feet wide**, the minimum required distance to conduct meetings and review of papers and documentation.

BCFSC Advisors will wear proper PPE, including mask, eye protection and impervious gloves in addition to the required site PPE where worker interactions take place or handling documentation. Whenever possible, Contractors can email documentation and policies prior to the field visit. Advisors can also take pictures with phones while on site to limit handling documentation.

Safety Advisors will always use their own vehicles during BC Phase 2 for all site visits. **Absolutely, no travel with Site Supervisors or Contractors is permitted during BC Phase 2 (this may be relaxed later in BC Phase 3).** If field visit is onsite/block, the Advisor can follow the Supervisor/Contractor in their own vehicle to complete the field visit or follow the directions to the work site as communicated by the Contractor.

Interviews with equipment operators will be conducted with 2m / 6ft spacing by the equipment, roadside or at the tailgate of a Pickup. The safety of the Advisor and worker is of primary concern during field visits and interviews will take place in a safe location that includes physical distancing.

Advisors will follow all WorkSafeBC and BC CDC COVID Guidelines:

<https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates/covid-19-returning-safe-operation> and [Dr Bonnie Henry- BC Health http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19](http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19)

Advisors will review the BC Restart Plan prior to restarting field activities:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/bc-restart-plan>