



Dear BCFSC Members,

As of July 1st, 2021, the British Columbia Provincial Health Officer confirmed employers can move to Step 3 of the BC Restart Plan and transition from COVID-19 Safety Plans to developing communicable disease plans. The BCFSC will continue to work with WorkSafeBC and follow the PHO recommendations to provide guidance to our members.

A communicable disease is an illness caused by an infectious agent or its toxic product and can be transmitted from person to person. Examples are: COVID-19, norovirus, and seasonal influenza.

While the need for COVID-19 safety plans will no longer be required, there are some ongoing measures that must be adhered to, such as:

- Implement policies for those who may be sick with a communicable disease.
- Continue to provide hand hygiene facilities with appropriate supplies and usage policies along with signage to remind employees to wash their hands regularly.
- Maintain a clean environment through routine cleaning processes.
- Ensure building ventilation is properly maintained and functioning as designed.
- To the extent you are able, support employees in receiving vaccinations for vaccine-preventable conditions.

BCFSC is here to assist employers with their communicable disease plans.

BCFSC Office

BCFSC remains open for business. Much of our staff will continue to work remotely throughout the summer as we develop our transition plan to returning to the office.

Education | Classroom Courses

BCFSC will continue to offer both online and in-classroom training. Please review our **course calendar** for options at or contact the BCFSC training department via email **training@bcforestsafe.org** for more information.

Thank you for actively participating in preventing the spread of the virus. Please call or email us at 1-877-741-1060 or contact us by email at **info@bcforestsafe.org** if you have questions or concerns.