

Returning to operation in B.C. in a healthy and safe manner

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The B.C. government announced last week that there will be a gradual, phased reopening of B.C. businesses. I'd like to provide you with an overview of WorkSafeBC's role in B.C.'s Restart Plan. Over the coming weeks, we will continue to engage with workers, employers, industry, unions, and other stakeholders to provide direction and guidance on the health and safety measures required to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission in the workplace.

We will also launch a multi-channel awareness campaign about the important role that all of us play in doing our part as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and businesses return to operation. The campaign will focus on how workplace health and safety contributes to the overall health and safety of our province.

A key component of our approach will be to roll out industry-specific information to support businesses with their health and safety needs as they reopen, complementing the existing [COVID-19 information and resources](#) on worksafebc.com.

To begin, we have developed a general guide on [COVID-19 and returning to safe operation](#) that outlines six steps to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission as business operations resume and [frequently asked questions about returning to safe operations](#). As more industries prepare to reopen, we will provide additional tools and resources that may be useful for preparing and implementing your plans, including signage and decision guides.

Please note that WorkSafeBC **does not need to review or approve the COVID-19 safety plans of individual employers**. However, during a WorkSafeBC inspection, employers will be asked about the steps taken to protect their workers in accordance with guidance provided on our website.

Workers and employers with questions or requiring additional advice or direction can call WorkSafeBC's Prevention Information Line at 1.888.621.7233 to speak directly with a prevention officer.

Thank you,

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