



DISTRICT OF LILLOOET

INFORMATION RELEASE

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COVID-19 Safety Plan Required for Workplaces

As we enter Phase 2 of BC's Restart Plan, we would like to remind businesses that you are required by the Provincial Health Order of May 14, 2020 to have a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place and post it for employees and customers to view before opening your doors for business.

Businesses are required to develop a COVID-19 Safety Plan that outlines the policies, guidelines, and procedures they have put in place to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. It is the responsibility of business owners to familiarize themselves with the guidelines for their sector and make the necessary adjustments to their workplace environment and routines to ensure they are doing everything they can to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission for employees and customers. COVID-19 is still a deadly threat and everyone needs to do their part to help keep our community safe.

Communicating your COVID-19 Safety Plan will also help your customers to feel more confident and ensures they are familiar with what the new routine will be before they arrive.

WorkSafeBC has a fillable template plan and guidelines for different sectors to help you with this process. Should workers or employers have questions or require additional assistance in reducing the risk of COVID-19 transmission at their workplace, they can call **WorkSafeBC's Prevention Information Line at 1-888-621-7233** to speak directly with a prevention officer to receive direction.

Provincial Health Order-Workplace Safety Plans: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/class_order_employers_covid-19_safety_plans_covid-19_may_14_final.pdf

Resources for creating a COVID-19 Safety Plan:

WorkSafeBC Safety Plan Template: <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/resources/health-safety/checklist/covid-19-safety-plan>

General Guide to Reducing the Risk: <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates/covid-19-returning-safe-operation>

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Customers can help do their part by checking what protocols a business has in place before their visit; leaving extra time for running errands as most businesses will now have limits on the number of people who can be inside at one time; and most importantly, staying home if they or anyone in their household is ill. Continuing to use the online and phone order options that some stores have set up is also a great option to help support local businesses while reducing congestion in stores.

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