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All-staff bulletin

Novel coronavirus update and upcoming town hall for employees

Sent on behalf of PHSA's Executive Leadership Team (ELT)

As the global state of the novel coronavirus continues to evolve, we want to extend our sincere gratitude to all of the employees, clinicians, physicians, researchers and volunteers throughout PHSA – and across the province – who have been playing a pivotal role in helping to manage this situation. Your dedication and hard work, as we rally together to support the health, safety, awareness and education of our patients and our workforce, is nothing short of amazing.

There is a lot of information circulating and we want to ensure you feel informed and equipped. We will be hosting a virtual, all-staff town hall with PHSA subject matter experts to provide general updates for employees.

The virtual town hall will be hosted on **Monday, February 3** from **1:15 – 2 p.m.**

- A teleconference line has been set-up:
 - 1-877-291-3022 (toll free, province-wide)
 - 604-681-0455 (Vancouver)
 - Participant access code: 4478028 #

- A webcast link will allow you to tune-in live:
<http://mediasite.phsa.ca/Mediasite/Play/51e0557a415d454ba9a3b6da05c0c1721d>

PLEASE NOTE: There is a limited number of lines available, so accessibility for both the teleconference and webcast will be on a first come, first served basis.

Where possible, we encourage teams to gather in offices/meeting rooms and dial in together to limit the number of lines in use. Some of PHSA's large programs/sites will have rooms set-up to view the webcast. Stay tuned for more site-specific information.

Questions will be taken via Slido using the event code **#PHSATownHall**

The Slido event has already been set up – you can submit any questions you may have in advance by visiting sli.do and entering the event code. If you see a question posted that resonates with you or is similar to your question, please 'like' it to help us prioritize.

Shortly after the town hall is complete, a recording of the webcast will be [posted on POD](#).

General information:

- On January 30, the [World Health Organization](#) (WHO) declared the novel coronavirus situation a public health emergency of international concern.
- At this point in time, Canadian public health officials have determined that the risk to Canadians remains low.
- The [BC Centre for Disease Control \(BCCDC\)](#) and provincial and federal authorities are monitoring the situation closely.
- The Public Health Agency of Canada is implementing measures to detect cases that may be entering through our airports. Overall, public health teams are responding by closely monitoring the situation.

Staying informed:

- Check the BCCDC's web site for [bulletins on emerging respiratory viruses](#) and the most current information, the [case definition](#) and instructions on infection control measures for patients who present with symptoms.
- BCCDC is now posting on its [website](#) the number of confirmed cases and number of samples tested in B.C.
- We are also posting information for the public on our social media channels. We encourage you to follow/retweet/share BCCDC's and PHSA's posts.
 - Twitter: [@CDCofBC](#) and [@PHSAofBC](#)
 - Facebook: [@ProvincialHealthServices](#)
 - Instagram: [@phsa.ca](#)
- For clinical service delivery programs and services, please continue to watch for the latest information and practice updates specific to the patient populations you serve.

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