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All-staff bulletin

The latest COVID-19 information

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

The global response to COVID-19 is changing on a daily basis. Thank you to all of our employees for their continued commitment to patient care and excellence during this busy time.

Please be aware that B.C.'s Provincial Health Officer has [now advised](#) against any non-essential travel outside of Canada, including to the United States. Effective March 12, 2020, anyone choosing to travel outside of Canada will be asked to stay away from work or school for 14 days upon their return.

Travel guidance

As of March 12, 2020, no travel outside of Canada for PHSA work purposes will be permitted for PHSA employees or for our medical staff.

For personal travel, we are strongly encouraging everyone to follow the advice of B.C.'s Provincial Health Officer and avoid travel outside of Canada at this time.

If you are contemplating travel outside of Canada, we strongly encourage to consider the impact your potential absence – due to quarantine, illness or self-isolation – may have on you, your family and your ability to work upon your return. This is also particularly important due to the highly-specialized nature of PHSA's services and the patients that we all serve.

More information forthcoming

We appreciate that our employees have many questions about what this means for them, particularly due to Spring Break.

- More information will be forthcoming later today during our [virtual town hall](#).

- Shortly after the town hall, a full recording of the webcast will be [posted on the Town Halls page on POD](#).
- After the Provincial Health Officer's next press conference, which is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. today, another all-staff message will be distributed with any new updates and answers to the FAQs.

We are taking questions via [Slido](#) using the event code **#PHSATownHall**

The [Slido event is already live](#). You can submit questions in advance, on your computer or using your mobile phone. If you see a question posted that resonates with you, or is similar to your question, please 'like' it to help us prioritize.

Virtual town hall from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. today

There are a limited number of webcast and teleconference lines available, so accessibility for both will be on a first come, first served basis.

- 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/5074f1b61277403f815af901c1c0f0d61d>

Due to the network bandwidth, you may wish to book meeting rooms/space with your colleagues to tune-in together. As always, please practice good hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.

Test your webcast connection

Is your computer compatible with webcasting? Test it here:

<http://mediasite.phsa.ca/Mediasite/Play/984d832b7b3c40b1bbed2ac6a74cf00b1d>

During the town hall, if you have trouble viewing the webcast, troubleshoot your connection here: <https://support.sonicfoundry.com/Knowledge/Article/000003279>

Your ongoing sources of information

- Continue to check the [BCCDC's website](#) as a trusted source of information.
- For site-specific questions, please check in with your manager or clinical leadership.
- For trusted information from around the world, please check the [World Health Organization website](#).

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