

BC'S RESTART PLAN PHASE 3

What does it mean for doctors offices?

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

BC is now in [phase 3](#) of the provincial government's Restart Plan.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR COMMUNITY PHYSICIAN OFFICES (FAMILY DOCTORS AND SPECIALISTS)?

Nothing has changed. This includes the need for physical distancing and the use of medical masks and eye protection.

- Doctors' offices and other medical settings must continue to require staff and patients to wear medical masks as set out in the existing [mask mandate](#). For your convenience, we've created an [updated sign](#) for your office.
- Doctors should continue to see patients in-person as clinically required under the conditions set up in their [safety plan](#). They should ensure they are following [infection control procedures](#).

Vaccination status does not change these requirements.

A reminder that community physicians are able to order their masks and other PPE at no cost through the [provincial government's central registry](#).

WHO IS IMPACTED?

Everyone within the community practice. This includes: doctors, other medical staff, administrative support staff, patients, visitors, learners, volunteers and contractors.

These requirements apply to all health care settings including : acute care, long-term care and assisted living facilities; other settings where health care services are provided i.e. - home health and home support.

WHY?

It is important that safety protocols are maintained while the provincial government, PHO and BCCDC consider possible changes to ensure infection prevention and control precautions are in place as the province moves toward phase 4 in September.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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