

# Information Bulletin

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**Attention: COT, CBIS and Chronic Wound Care Providers**

**Subject: Update in Response to COVID-19**

Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry issued an important update on March 23, 2020 for regulated health professionals in BC that all non-essential and elective services involving direct physical contact with patients should be reduced to minimal levels. Allowable exceptions included time-sensitive, emergent/urgent and essential services.

On May 6, 2020, Premier John Horgan announced a phased approach to re-opening of services across the province. Details regarding the Re-Start Plan can be found [here](#).

With respect to the delivery of assessment and treatment services to injured workers at this time, it is expected that services remain status quo and in alignment with current COVID-19 protocols until further notice. Over the next few weeks, it is expected that your respective College (e.g. COTBC, BCCNP, etc.) will provide further guidance related to the gradual return to in-person services. Notwithstanding the forthcoming information, it remains important to highlight that there is an onus on health care professionals in particular, to minimize risk where and when possible. As such, we do not anticipate a sudden change in current practice, but rather a measured approach.

Over the coming weeks, Health Care Services will provide updates in terms of any changes in health care program delivery. Providers are encouraged to continue checking their respective College websites - [COTBC](#) and [BCCNP](#) - as well as [WorkSafeBC](#) for updated information pertaining to COVID-19 and BC's Re-Start plan.

Thank you for your ongoing collaboration and support. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.