

CBCC COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PLAN

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As COVID-19 vaccinations have become widely available, the overall risk of transmission and serious consequences has diminished. Despite this, the virus will still circulate like other communicable diseases.

A communicable disease is an illness caused by an infectious agent or its toxic product that can be transmitted from one person to another. Examples of communicable diseases that may circulate are COVID, seasonal cold and flu, and norovirus.

Step 1 – Understanding the Risk

- Preventing communicable disease involves taking ongoing measures to reduce the risk of transmission and implementing additional measures when advised to do so by Public Health during periods of elevated risk from time to time or seasonally.
- CBCC Board will monitor information issued by VIHA and the PHO and follow all direction, orders, guidance, and recommendations as needed.

Step 2 – Implementing measures, practices and policies

- No one should enter the facility if feeling unwell.
- Anyone using the facility should maintain good hand-hygiene and cover coughs and sneezes
- The facility will be cleaned a minimum of once weekly and more frequently as needed

Step 3 – Communication

- CBCC Board will communicate any changes to measures, practices and policies to the facility users through signs and posted materials in the facility and on the CBCC website

Step 4 – Monitor

- Users of the facility will continue to be tracked for contact tracing purposes
- Regional and provincial recommendations will be monitored and followed
- Changes to the maintenance schedule and practices will be made to ensure a healthy environment