

# **LICENSING'S LATEST**

## **CHILD CARE BULLETIN**

**Community Care Facilities Licensing** 

Winter 2022 - B1



### **INFORMATION SESSIONS 2022**



Community Care Facilities Licensing offers free information sessions monthly throughout the year. If you have a new Manager who is working at your facility or you have one you are onboarding, please have them attend one of the sessions below for a review of the role of Licensing and Legislative responsibilities.

	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Νον	Dec
MANAGERS CHILD CARE Thursdays 9am-12pm	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 21	May 19	Jun 16	Jul 21	Aug 18	Sep 15	Oct 20	Nov 17	Dec 15

Information sessions will be presented by a Licensing Officer to a minimum of five participants. For more information or to register, please call the Community Care Facilities Licensing Program at 250-739-5800 and identify the information session date that you are interested to attend.

## **PANDEMIC UPDATE**

As of January 31, 2022

- \* Licensing has supported Licensees when COVID exposures or cases have occurred at their child care setting through:
- Email blasts with related information;
- Follow up phone calls & emails to inquiries;
- On-site Health & Safety Inspections;
   and
- Resource distribution

Please be sure to continue to reference the \*BC CDC Public Health Guidance for Child Care Settings for the most current and up to date information.



A COVID exposure in a child care facility does not require an Incident Report for disease outbreak.

If your facility chooses to close for operational reasons related to exposures, or a confirmed case this would be reported as a service delivery issue and an Incident Report would be required.

Please reach out to your Licensing Officer for support or questions at any time!



## Supporting Children in Stressful Times

As we continue to navigate the pandemic, Licensing recognizes the impact the pandemic is having on our children. Licensees are encouraged to reach out to access support available to help minimize stress for children in child care facilities. Here are a few resources:

#### Government of Canada (2020)

Responding to Stressful Events & Helping Children Cope

#### Child Mind Institute (2020)

<u>Supporting Kids During the COVID Crisis</u> & Stress and Resilience

Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (2020) Stress and Coping



#### Licensing is transitioning to a new database!

New Public Webpage! New Incident Reporting Portal! New Online Applications! Stay Tuned!

#### **Community Care Facilities Licensing**

 Victoria
 Nanaimo
 Courtenay
 Campbell River

 Ph: 250.519.3401
 Ph: 250.739.5800
 Ph: 250.331.8620
 Ph: 250.850.2110

https://www.islandhealth.ca/our-services/community-care-facilities-licensing



Winter 2022 - B1 Child Care Bulletin