



Hope **Brigade Days**

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COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PREVENTION PLAN

(CDPP)

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INTRODUCTION

A communicable disease is an illness caused by an infectious agent or its toxic product that can be transmitted in a workplace from one person to another.

This Communicable Disease Prevention Plan (CDPP) is designed to promote the health and safety of the Hope Brigade Days (HBD) community by providing information on how to prevent the contraction and spread of communicable diseases and the appropriate response to a communicable disease outbreak. This plan includes measures to reduce the risk of communicable disease and additional measures for time elevated risk.

In the event of an emergency HBD will work with Fraser Health, notify the HBD community of the emergency, take actions to protect the health and safety of the community members and event guests and provide additional guidance if necessary.

SCOPE

Communicable diseases falling within the scope of this Plan are those typically caused by bacteria, viruses, or parasites and normally spread through direct or indirect human contact or through the consumption of contaminated food/water. Examples of communicable diseases include but are not limited to:

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| Coronavirus | Meningococcal Meningitis |
| Hepatitis A | Mumps |
| Norovirus | Rubella |
| Influenza | Tuberculosis |
| Measles | Common Cold |

PREVENT

Preventing communicable diseases involves proactive actions that will reduce the risk of transmission. It is important to limit the spread of a communicable disease before it has the potential to cause serious disease/illness by taking the following actions:

ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE:



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- Wash your hands or use sanitizer frequently
- Cover your cough or sneeze
- Routinely clean and disinfect touch surfaces
- Maintain appropriate immunizations and vaccines. Consult a physician or call 8-1-1 for free-of-charge health information, or visit Immunize BC
- Raise health and safety concerns with a supervisor or Board Member
- Stay home when sick and avoid close contact with others to avoid transmission

ACTIONS HBD IS TAKING

- Maintaining a clean environment by routinely cleaning and disinfecting touch surfaces
- Providing hand-hygiene facilities and supplies
- Liaising with Fraser Health to address health issues and implementing immediate actions when necessary to promote the health of the public
- Maintaining physical distancing and mask use where distancing is not possible
- Identifying high traffic areas with signage to reduce congestion
- Posting signage and materials to communicate the measures in place to prevent the spread of communicable diseases
- Continually assessing activities, areas and processes that may pose an increased risk to the HBD community and revising them as necessary
- Encouraging and supporting HBD community to stay home when sick

IDENTIFY

The level of risk of certain communicable diseases may increase from time to time or seasonally. This may occur at a local or regional level, or only within the workplace.

Recognizing the signs and symptoms of a communicable disease and understanding the modes of transmission is vital in reducing the spread of communicable diseases. Signs and symptoms will vary depending on the disease, but common characteristics associated with the onset of most communicable diseases typically include fever and other flu-like symptoms: achiness, nausea, fatigue, fever, and headaches.



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PLAN

Should a communicable disease emergency arise or should members or volunteers be unable to attend work due to illness, a department plan may include:

- Liaising with Fraser Health in the event of a communicable disease emergency such as a community outbreak or pandemic
- Revise Safe Work Procedures that inform members/volunteers/entertainment on hazards and control of specific tasks relating to include precautions for communicable diseases
- Train members to provide backup for critical roles
- Communicate to the HBD community any interruption of services
- Inform members and directors of any potential issues that may arise during an emergency in order to manage them proactively

RESPOND

The following procedures are to be followed in the event of a communicable disease outbreak, pandemic or public health emergency is declared by local, provincial or national officials. Routine, seasonal, and individual health issues DO NOT need to be reported to HBD Directors unless advised to do so by your health care provider.

Board Members and Directors

Board Members or Directors who are diagnosed with or believe they have a communicable disease should:

- Stay home when sick and avoid close contact with others to avoid transmission
 - Do not return to work until advised to do so by a health care professional or, in the absence of medical consultation, do not return to work for the duration of 24 hours after symptoms abate
 - Notify your President and Board Members
- Consult a physician or call 8-1-1 for free-of-charge health information
- Inform your President and Board Members of your condition
- Offer support to your fellow Board Members and Directors who may have symptoms of a communicable disease (e.g. fever or chills, coughing, etc.) so they can avoid being at meetings or events while sick
- Avoid travelling while sick
- Stay updated on communicable disease emergency by monitoring reliable media outlets and public health announcements



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Entertainers

If an entertainer under your supervision exhibits communicable disease symptoms you must:

- Advise the entertainer to stay home. If the entertainer was already at the event you must advise all Directors and Board Members of the possibility of exposure and encourage all members to self-monitor for symptoms
- Liaison with Fraser Health about the potential of exposure to a communicable disease from the entertainer
- Consult a physician or call 8-1-1 for free-of-charge medical advice
- Offer support to your fellow Entertainers who may have symptoms or a communicable disease (e.g. fever or chills, coughing, etc.) so they can avoid being at events while sick
- Perform a self-assessment of their symptoms and follow the recommendations provided by Fraser Health

Volunteers

Volunteers are an integral part of making the HBD event happen, but if they have been diagnosed with or believe they have a communicable disease they should:

- Stay home when sick and avoid close contact with others to avoid transmission
- Not return to work until advised to do so by a health care professional or, in the absence of medical consultation, do not return to work for the duration of 24 hours after symptoms abate
Perform a self-assessment of their symptoms and follow the recommendations provided by Fraser Health
- Stay at home when sick and avoid close contact with others
- Not attend the event or return to work until advised to by a health care professional or the duration of 24 hours after symptoms abate
- Stay updated on a communicable disease emergency by monitoring reliable media outlets and public health announcements
- Avoid traveling when sick

Attendees

An attendee to the HBD event who believes they may have, or has been diagnosed with a communicable disease should not attend the event. All attendees should:

- Perform a self-assessment of their symptoms and follow the recommendations provided by Fraser Health
- Stay at home when sick and avoid close contact with others



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- Not attend the event or return to work until advised to by a health care professional or the duration of 24 hours after symptoms abate
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Confidentiality

All Directors, Board Members, Entertainers, and Volunteers medical information is private and will be handled in compliance with legal requirements and professional ethical standards.