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Dear CAOs:

Thanks to so many of you for joining this week's regional calls focused on moving forward together with British Columbia's 'Restart Plan.' As we shift into another uncharted phase of COVID-19, we know this transition will be challenging and we also know that you serve a critical role in helping communities navigate to a "new normal." We appreciate your continued leadership and are committed to support you in the process. Your questions and feedback on the calls will shape how we support Local Governments through the weeks and months ahead.

Today WorkSafe BC announced a series of updated industry guidelines and tools in anticipation of beginning our transition into Phase 2 of our COVID-19 response next week:

- Industry specific guidelines and resources for next phase of restart <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/news-events/news-releases/2020/May/worksafebc-releases-industry-specific%20guidance-for-next-phase-restart>
- COVID-19 Safety Plan <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/resources/health-safety/checklist/covid-19-safety-plan?lang=en>

We expect these will be very useful for you as you develop your transition approach and safe operating plans. We have also provided a series of links (below) to other resources that may help you in this process. Municipal Affairs and Housing will continue to serve as your key liaison into Provincial government to support Local Government transitions and to address questions and connect you with resources as they become available. You may contact the MAH analyst for your municipality or regional district as questions arise at <https://contacts.localgovernmentinformationsystem.gov.bc.ca/lgics.aspx>. You can also contact me directly with questions or if you would like to organize additional discussions as you develop and implement your transition plans.

As we discussed on the calls, the transition really just begins after this May long weekend. We expect that the transition will be gradual and will depend on a series of factors, many of which will rely on your respective communities' interest and ability to move toward a "new normal" in safe and thoughtful ways. We look forward to continuing to work with you as we shift to this new phase where we will collectively do all that we can to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19 while also helping restart our critically important economic and social activities.

Thanks again for your leadership and collaboration.

Enjoy the long weekend,
Kaye

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Key COVID-19 correspondence and support for

LGs/CAOS: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/governance-powers/covid-19> .

BC Restart Plan: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/bc-restart-plan>

Go Forward Management Strategy: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/bc_covid-19_go-forward_management_strategy_web.pdf

Go Forward Strategy Checklist: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/gdx/go_forward_strategy_checklist_web.pdf

PHO order requiring posting of safety plans: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/class_order_employers_covid-19_safety_plans_covid-19_may_14_final.pdf

WorksafeBC's COVID-19 and Returning to Safe Operation: <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates/covid-19-returning-safe-operation>

WorksafeBC's Returning to Safe Operation FAQs: <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates/covid-19-returning-safe-operation/faqs-returning-to-safe-operation>

WorkSafe BC's COVID-19 Response information for municipalities: <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates/covid-19-industry-information/municipalities>

BC Municipal Safety Association: <https://www.bcmsa.ca/>

CivicInfo BC collection of COVID-19 resources for local governments: <https://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/document-search/covid19>

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