1. On November 19, Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry announced new orders and directions that impact all individuals, places of work and businesses in BC. Face coverings in all public spaces have been ordered and employers must review and re-double their efforts on their COVID-19 Safety Plan. Daily health checks are also required. WorkSafeBC has posted what employers and workers are required to do to ensure the order regarding mandatory masks is followed.

2. WorkSafeBC’s 2020-2022 Workplan includes considering whether cost relief may be available with respect to claims involving COVID-19. We recommend employers track those claims where a worker’s treatment or return to work was impacted by the virus.

New Policy and Practice Directives
1. Claims Practice Directive C14-2 has been revised to reflect amendments to the Workers Compensation Act which allow WorkSafeBC to reconsider a decision after 75 days if the decision contains an obvious error or omission and no review has been requested or appeal filed.

2. Consequential amendments have been made to policy in light of the legislative changes arising from Bill 23. The majority of changes are essentially consequential amendments to policy in light of the legislative changes arising from Bill 23.

3. PD – C10-5 – Cannabis for Medical Purposes: The Board has released a Practice Directive concerning the adjudication of coverage for cannabis. Submissions are due January 12, 2021.

Wishing you all a very safe and happy holiday season!

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