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#### CLR Members,

The Provincial Health Officer (PHO) and Health Minister presented the latest COVID-19 modelling on Thursday. The model is telling us that the number of cases doubles every 13 days and that we are on track to see 1,000 cases per day very soon if changes in our behaviour are not met. They also announced an additional 1,130 cases in B.C. over a 48-hour period, 4 more people have died, and there are currently 155 people in hospital (with 44 of those cases in critical care).

Here are some links to various media stories:

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/latest-modelling-shows-covid-19-cases-in-b-c-doubling-every-13-days-1.5799829

https://globalnews.ca/news/7459063/bc-covid-19-modelling-data-november-12/

In Canada as a whole, the situation is also very concerning. On Thursday, our country set a new daily record with almost 5,000 additional cases of the virus.

https://globalnews.ca/news/7459853/canada-coronavirus-cases-nov-12/

### **Provincial Health Order**

There seems to be some confusion around the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) order that was announced on November 7 for the Fraser Health and Vancouver Coast Health regions. Here are some links with some Q&A documents from the health authorities that may help us all better understand the order:

PHO order - <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/lower-mainland">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/lower-mainland</a>

Q&A: Regional Orders - <a href="https://www.fraserhealth.ca/-/media/Project/FraserHealth/FraserHealth/Health-Topics/Coronavirus/Nov2020-Provincial-Health-Order/201111F-Regional-Orders-General-FHVCH.pdf?la=en&hash=6D856A3893C69DE3F74B372A7E3DE687785A0B92</a>

Q&A: Business General - <a href="https://www.fraserhealth.ca/-/media/Project/FraserHealth/FraserHealth/Health-Topics/Coronavirus/Nov2020-Provincial-Health-Order/201111F-Regional-Orders-for-Business-General-FHVCH.pdf?la=en&hash=33B508E9C9077FF3BFB1F11F413FD7F9B2B75A66">https://www.fraserhealth.ca/-/media/Project/FraserHealth/FraserHealth/Health-Topics/Coronavirus/Nov2020-Provincial-Health-Order/201111F-Regional-Orders-for-Business-General-FHVCH.pdf?la=en&hash=33B508E9C9077FF3BFB1F11F413FD7F9B2B75A66</a>

Q&A: Restaurants - <a href="https://www.fraserhealth.ca/-/media/Project/FraserHealth/FraserHealth/Health-Topics/Coronavirus/Nov2020-Provincial-Health-Order/201111F-Regional-Orders-for-Business-Restaurant-FHVCH.pdf?la=en&hash=68E2D3871C7A7A75B829140BE67174438BABC403</a>

Q&A: Fitness Facilities - <a href="https://www.fraserhealth.ca/-/media/Project/FraserHealth/FraserHealth/Health-Topics/Coronavirus/Nov2020-Provincial-Health-Order/201111F-Regional-Orders-for-Fitness-and-Physical-Activity-Centres-FHVCH.pdf?la=en&hash=CB94ACA908F1A03A388C64A59547E4F302479EC6">https://www.fraserhealth.ca/-/media/Project/FraserHealth/FraserHealth/Health-Topics/Coronavirus/Nov2020-Provincial-Health-Order/201111F-Regional-Orders-for-Fitness-and-Physical-Activity-Centres-FHVCH.pdf?la=en&hash=CB94ACA908F1A03A388C64A59547E4F302479EC6</a>

### **WSBC Enhanced Safety Plan Inspections**

Following the order issued by the PHO (see above for link), WorkSafeBC (WSBC) has announced that beginning this week, it will be conducting enhanced COVID-19 Safety Plan inspections and consultations at workplaces in these regions, prioritizing workplaces identified as the highest risk for COVID-19 transmission.

WSBC is urging employers to stay vigilant, including revisiting their existing COVID-19 Safety Plan and updating it with the involvement of their workers as conditions change. In particular, their prevention officers will focus on ensuring that workplace controls are effectively implemented and managed, appropriate workplace protocols are in place, and that health screening is being conducted. Their OHS consultants will supplement these inspections by assisting employers in managing COVID-19 risks at their workplace and providing additional support. They say they want to ensure employer groups, labour groups, sector associations, Health and Safety Associations, and other stakeholders are engaged in this initiative, so they can support their members in managing ongoing COVID-19 safety risks in their workplace. Below is a link to additional information about the PHO order and the WSBC initiative. You can also visit worksafebc.com for more information.

The announcement can be found here: <a href="https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/news-events/news-releases/2020/November/worksafebc-increasing-inspections-fraser-health-vancouver-coastal-health-regions">https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/news-events/news-releases/2020/November/worksafebc-increasing-inspections-fraser-health-vancouver-coastal-health-regions</a>

#### **BCCSA**

In light of the PHO orders, the BC Construction Safety Alliance (BCCSA) has updated its "COVID-19 Case On Site Procedures". It is attached to this communique for your information.

With the weekend upon us, please adhere to the PHO order and guidelines, and if you must go out, please wear a mask.

Sincerely,

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