

COVID-19 Safety Plan

Here is a summary of PLEA's COVID-19 Safety Plan.

Routine Precautions

All personnel (staff, caregivers and volunteers) must:

- Stay home if they are sick.
- Wash their hands frequently with soap for a least 20 seconds.
- Keep their work environments (i.e. offices, homes, cars) clean and well ventilated.

Vaccinations

- All staff must be fully vaccinated by April 11, 2022.
- All new caregivers and volunteers must be vaccinated at 'hire'.
- Caregivers working in PLEA's adult caregiver placements and youth-licensed programs must be vaccinated.
- Caregivers and volunteers who are not required to be vaccinated are encouraged to get vaccinated if they are able.

Masks

Masks are optional at PLEA. Personnel must have a mask with them while with a participant in case they are required to wear one to distil their duties (e.g. to enter a healthcare facility).

Physical Distancing

Workspaces have been reorganized to encourage physical distancing.

Driving with Participants

Staff and volunteers must only drive with participants who are asymptomatic.

Engineering Controls

Plexiglass has been installed at high-traffic areas where staff are working (e.g., reception) and visitors are common.

Personal Protective Equipment

Masks (medical and non-medical), gloves, hand sanitizer and wipes are available at all PLEA offices/locations and caregiver homes.

Exposures, Illness and Travel Outside of Canada

Personnel exposed to COVID-19 and/or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and/or returning from travel outside of Canada, must complete BC's self-assessment tool and follow the advice given. They must also inform their supervisor.

If any caregivers, or members of their household, require testing, are sick, or self-isolating, they must refrain from welcoming visitors or PLEA staff into their home until the outcome of the test is known.

Cleaning Protocols

- PLEA's offices and locations are thoroughly cleaned by a professional cleaning company.
- Special attention is being paid to high-touch areas, such as faucets, door handles and light switches.
- Staff using PLEA's fleet vehicles must clean the vehicle following each use.