

Dear Staff:

Following the Government of BC's announcement this week, we have transitioned into Step 2 of BC's Restart Plan. This included lifting restrictions on travel within BC, and information for organizations on gradual return to the workplace. I'm sure many of you have questions regarding what this means for us here at Metro Vancouver.

Our Provincial Health Officer (PHO) has noted that a continued, gradual return to the workplace is allowed under Step 2 of the plan, in addition to allowing small in-person meetings. Employers must continue to have a COVID-19 Safety Plan and daily health check in place. Given the amount of detail in the plan, please refer to both the BC's Restart Plan [webpage](#) and [news release](#) for specifics.

Accordingly, we would like to welcome those staff who are currently working from home and wish to return to work in the office to do so, either one or two days a week, starting July 1st. Many staff are already reporting to the work site when operationally required, and we anticipate that as of July 1st, more staff may be required to report to their work site more regularly to meet operational needs. If the restrictions are further lifted by the PHO in September as anticipated, all staff working from home will be required to work from the office a minimum number of days per week, on a temporary basis while the temporary Remote Work policy remains in effect. I will provide you with additional information on this in the coming weeks. We look forward to implementing this hybrid model and learning as we go. As always, all of the above will be subject to direction from our Provincial Health Officer. I would also encourage you to send any comments or thoughts to our COVID-19 feedback email at [Covid-19 Inquiries](#). Alternatively, we are also looking at sending out a short survey in the next few weeks. I welcome suggestions and ideas as our policies evolve to reflect changing circumstances.

Please note that adherence to all safety protocols, as well as guidance from our Provincial Health Officer, continues to be required.

Thanks everyone. Stay well, and I hope you are all taking some time off this summer to be with your loved ones and enjoy our beautiful region (and maybe even beyond, as per the lifted restrictions)!

Jerry

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