

<b>Applies to:</b>	Students with confirmed clinical education practice experiences/practicum placements within Island Health
<b>Purpose:</b>	Provide up-to-date resources to support safe high-quality practice educational experiences within Island Health during a pandemic

**BC Student Practice Education Website - <https://spe.healthcarebc.ca/>**

Preparing for Placement		✓
1.	<p>Stay home if you are sick.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate your fitness to practice –strategize to address learning and support needs.</li> <li>Know the symptoms Of Covid-19 or influenza like illness <a href="http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/about-covid-19/symptoms">http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/about-covid-19/symptoms</a></li> <li>Stay home if you are sick <a href="http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/about-covid-19/if-you-are-sick">http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/about-covid-19/if-you-are-sick</a></li> <li>Use the <b>BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool</b> if you develop symptoms <a href="https://bc.thrive.health/">https://bc.thrive.health/</a></li> <li>Self-refer to an <b>Island Health Testing and Assessment Clinic</b> if you have respiratory symptoms <a href="https://medicalstaff.islandhealth.ca/testing-and-assessment-clinics">https://medicalstaff.islandhealth.ca/testing-and-assessment-clinics</a> .</li> <li>Report any absence to your Post-Secondary Institution (PSI) instructor and preceptor via email/phone call.</li> </ul>	
2.	<p>Reduce the risk of transmission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete the BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool prior to each shift.</li> <li>Follow the advice of your local public health authority.</li> <li>Practice physical (social) distancing <a href="http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/prevention-risks/physical-distancing">http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/prevention-risks/physical-distancing</a></li> <li>Perform excellent hand hygiene at all times <a href="https://intranet.viha.ca/departments/infection_prevention/Pages/hand-hygiene.aspx">https://intranet.viha.ca/departments/infection_prevention/Pages/hand-hygiene.aspx</a></li> <li>Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.</li> <li>Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash or cough/sneeze into your arm.</li> <li>Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces <a href="http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/prevention-risks/cleaning-and-disinfecting">http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/prevention-risks/cleaning-and-disinfecting</a></li> </ul>	
3.	<p>If you are an existing Island Health employee and/or work in Long Term Care, discuss the approach to placement outside of the facility in which you work with your PSI instructor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The province has implemented a process to support workers to work in a single facility, instead of in multiple facilities. This is a complex process and may need to have an individualized approach to support your practice education experience.</li> </ul>	
4.	<p>Stay mentally and emotionally well <a href="http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/covid-19-care/health-care-provider-support">http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/covid-19-care/health-care-provider-support</a></p>	
Prior to arriving for a placement shift or learning activity		
5.	<p>Check your Island Health email for recent communications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communications from your preceptor or placement area supervisor                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Placements will continue unless otherwise directed by Island Health or your PSI program</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>COVID-19 Update</b> from VP Pandemic Planning and VP Population Health &amp; Chief Medical Health Officer</li> </ul>	

6.	<p>Review the content on the Island Health’s <a href="https://intranet.viha.ca">COVID-19 Intranet website</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To access Island Health Intranet webpage remotely, copy and paste in to your browser: <a href="https://intranet.viha.ca">https://intranet.viha.ca</a></li> <li>Enter your Island Health credentials (Windows Username &amp; Password)</li> </ul>	
7.	<p>Follow the <b>COVID 19 Mandatory Direct Care Worker Safety Guide</b> <a href="https://intranet.viha.ca/covid-19/Documents/covid-19-mandatory-direct-care-worker-safety-guide.pdf">https://intranet.viha.ca/covid-19/Documents/covid-19-mandatory-direct-care-worker-safety-guide.pdf</a></p>	
8.	<p>Review the COVID-19 Scrub, Uniform, Work Gear Guidelines (Acute Care) <a href="https://intranet.viha.ca/covid-19/Documents/covid-19-scrub-uniform-work-wear-guidelines-acute-care.pdf">https://intranet.viha.ca/covid-19/Documents/covid-19-scrub-uniform-work-wear-guidelines-acute-care.pdf</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If your placement is not in Acute Care seek guidance from your PSI for what to wear.</li> </ul>	
<b>Arriving for a placement shift or learning activity</b>		
9.	<p>Review updates on the Island Health COVID-19 intranet webpage <a href="https://intranet.viha.ca/covid-19/Pages/protect-minimize-support.aspx#protect">https://intranet.viha.ca/covid-19/Pages/protect-minimize-support.aspx#protect</a></p>	
10.	<p>Review current infection control procedures and PPE guidelines with preceptor and/or PSI instructor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrate proper Donning and Doffing of PPE as needed.</li> <li>Seek guidance and coaching from staff members and PSI instructor.</li> </ul>	
11.	<p>Consistently comply with all relevant guidelines, policies and protocols, including but not limited to, hand-washing.</p>	
12.	<p>Reinforce all infection control procedures and precautions at every opportunity with students and follow the <b>Practice Education Guidelines for BC – Communicable Disease Outbreaks</b> (currently under provincial review) - <a href="http://hspcanada.net/docs/PEG/3_4_Communicable_Disease_Outbreaks.pdf">http://hspcanada.net/docs/PEG/3_4_Communicable_Disease_Outbreaks.pdf</a></p>	
<b>During your placement shift or learning activity</b>		
13.	<p>Do not cross over between an outbreak unit and a non-outbreak unit. This includes lounges and washrooms dedicated to those personnel caring for patients on outbreak units.</p>	
14.	<p>Follow the <b>COVID 19 Mandatory Direct Care Worker Safety Guide</b> <a href="https://intranet.viha.ca/covid-19/Documents/covid-19-mandatory-direct-care-worker-safety-guide.pdf">https://intranet.viha.ca/covid-19/Documents/covid-19-mandatory-direct-care-worker-safety-guide.pdf</a></p>	
15.	<p>If you become symptomatic at work, leave the practice setting immediately and notify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Island Health preceptor or supervisor;</li> <li>Placement site leader; and</li> <li>PSI faculty</li> </ul>	
16.	<p>Conduct follow-up requirements if you develop symptoms.</p>	
<b>Prior to leaving your placement shift or learning activity</b>		
17.	<p>Follow the <b>COVID 19 Mandatory Direct Care Worker Safety Guide</b> <a href="https://intranet.viha.ca/covid-19/Documents/covid-19-mandatory-direct-care-worker-safety-guide.pdf">https://intranet.viha.ca/covid-19/Documents/covid-19-mandatory-direct-care-worker-safety-guide.pdf</a></p>	
18.	<p>Seek support from your Island Health preceptor, supervisor and/or PSI Instructor to debrief a situation, if needed.</p>	
<b>Island Health Follow up</b>		
19.	<p>If there has been a confirmed or potential exposure of COVID-19 within your practice setting you will receive a phone call from your PSI instructor/other faculty.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guidance will be provided.</li> <li>Please maintain privacy and confidentiality.</li> </ul> <p>If a student has had a potential exposure of COVID-19 within in a home or community setting, please follow up with the PSI instructor/other faculty.</p>	