

COVID-19 Protocols for In-Person Training

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As HSABC returns to in-person training sessions, we are implementing Communicable Disease Prevention Protocols intended to be inclusive and trauma-informed, while providing reasonable safety precautions. These protocols are consistent with [BCCDC COVID-19 guidance](#) and [WorkSafeBC guidance for workplaces](#).

Room Capacity and Physical Distancing

In-Person trainings will be held in spaces that will allow for [Physical Distancing](#), with the number of attendees not exceeding 50% of the rooms capacity. Physical distancing requires ample space to limit close contact, with attendees being asked to keep two metres (six feet) away from one another.

Limiting Common Touch Points, Cleaning and Disinfecting

Measures will be taken to reduce common touch points. This will include:

- Provision of individually served meals, snacks and drinks;
- No touch beverage dispenser (or, if not available, attendees will be asked to bring their own coffee/tea);
- Attendance will be taken by the instructor instead of an attendance sheet; and
- Pens are not to be shared between attendees.

If common touch points can not be avoided, then [enhanced cleaning and disinfection](#) is required after each use or as often as is practicable.

Proof of Vaccination

Attendees will not be required to show proof of vaccination.

However, the BCCDC continues to strongly recommend adults working with vulnerable populations to be fully vaccinated. Vaccination protects you from serious illness due to COVID-19 and is the most effective way to reduce the impact of COVID-19 on our communities. All COVID-19 vaccines approved for use in Canada protect against serious complications, including from the Omicron variant. See BCCDC for trusted information on [COVID19 vaccines](#).

Pre-Screening

One day prior to attending an in-person training, all attendees will be asked to complete the *In-Person Symptom and Exposure Self-Assessment Screening Questions* (see below). For those who have not completed the questionnaire online prior to arrival, outside of the training venue, a QR-code will be provided to access the questions as well as paper copies will be available. If an attendee answers “YES” to any of the questions in the pre-screening, they will be asked to leave the venue and invited to a future training or webinar.

Masks

The decision to wear a mask or face covering is a personal choice for everyone. This choice should be supported and treated with respect.

HSABC will have masks available at the pre-screening table for those who choose to wear one.

Personal Practices

Attendees will be encouraged to practice good [hand hygiene](#) (washing and sanitizing hands frequently), respiratory etiquette (cough and sneeze into their elbow, sleeve, or a tissue; and immediately perform hand hygiene), and respect others personal space (remain two metres away from one another).

HSABC will have hand sanitizer available at the pre-screening table for attendees as they enter and exit, and in the venue for usage as appropriate.

Symptomatic during the training

If an attendee begins to show symptoms of COVID-19 while attending the training, they will be asked to repeat the *In-Person Symptom and Exposure Self-Assessment Screening Questions*. If the attendee answers “YES” to any of the questions in the screening, they will be asked to leave the venue and invited to a future training or webinar.

Questions and Concerns

If you have questions on concerns regarding these COVID-19 Protocols for In-Person Training, or other Communicable Disease Prevention measures that HSABC is implementing, please contact Stephen D’Souza, stephen.dsouza@hsa-bc.ca or 778-945-7789.