

December 6, 2021

Dear Service Provider:

We recognize there may be some confusion in regards to the recent [Provincial Health Officer \(PHO\) Order](#) (November 18, 2021), as well as the most recent update to the [B.C. Public Service's Occupational Health and Safety Policy](#) (OSHSP) (effective December 13, 2021), and how these impact the Ministry of Children and Family Development's (MCFD's) contracted service providers.

Provincial Health Order

At this time, employees of agencies contracted to provide MCFD services do not fall under this Order. Please refer to the [first page](#) of the order for a list of employers and care settings that do fall under the Order.

MCFD continues work with the Provincial Health Office (PHO) to review the evidence related to vulnerability of those we serve and assess whether the public safety risk requires an Order be applied to the employees of agencies under contract with MCFD.

MCFD contracted service providers who are also members of the Community Social Services Employers' Association (CSSEA) or Health Employers' Association of BC (HEABC) should review information provided by their respective employers' association for the most up to date policies relating to their union agreements.

Occupational Safety and Health Policy

Notwithstanding the PHO Order, there may be circumstances in which contracted and subcontracted personnel will be required to provide proof of vaccination to the Ministry under [OSHSP 4](#).

As of December 13, 2021, all contractor and subcontractor personnel entering a staff-only area of an indoor BC government workplace while BC government employees are present (a "BC government workplace"), for provision of services under a government contract, must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 with a vaccine approved for use in Canada. A staff-only area is an area that is not intended for access by the public or clients receiving government services.

This requirement is part of the BC government's occupational health and safety plan and is intended to ensure that BC government workplaces are kept safe and that employees and other personnel who work in them are protected.

Additional information can be found in the attached notice to contractors.

If you have any questions, please contact your contract manager.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Byers', with a stylized, cursive script.

Rob Byers
Assistant Deputy Minister and Executive Financial Officer