

### Amendment #3 to Psychology Clinic SWP

November 20, 2020

**Travel and Clinic Access:** The original SWP for the Psychology Clinic from June 2020 requires anyone who has travelled outside of the province of BC (Canada or elsewhere) in the last 14 days to wait for 14 days after returning before coming to the clinic.

Rather than have a static requirement, this amendment revises the SWP to state that at minimum, everyone entering the clinic must adhere to the provincial guidelines that are in place in the moment.

In light of the PHO order from Dr. Henry November 19, 2020 restricting non-essential travel from other regions within the province, at the present time, no one is allowed to the clinic from outside our immediate region. This order is in effect until December 2, 2020. The new order can be found here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/restrictions>

This is a fluid situation, and everyone needs to be aware of changes as they evolve for their own planning purposes. Time will tell, but we should all be prepared to adhere to strict guidelines around the winter break if the number of new COVID-19 cases do not start going down. If the numbers do go down, then it might be possible to return to the previous provincial guidelines with respect to travel, which did not require quarantine for inter-provincial travel, or we might maintain a requirement to quarantine 14 days following travel outside of the province. We will keep everyone updated on emerging guidelines.

**Masks:** The new orders include requirements for mask use. The College of Psychologists of BC offers further guidance on mask use:

“The CPBC has confirmed with WorkSafe BC that the requirement to wear a mask in the workplace includes registered psychologists, those with whom they work, and their clients. All are required to wear a mask in the workplace. The order specifies an exception for those individuals who cannot put on or remove a mask on their own. In the privacy of a one-on-one therapeutic or assessment setting, once both the registrant and client are seated and only when a distance of two metres can be consistently maintained, a registrant may consider removing their mask and/or allowing the client to remove their mask only if there is a clinical benefit that outweighs the risk.”

Please see the UVic updates here: <https://www.uvic.ca/covid-19/> where the new PHO orders are outlined to align with UVic.

*This amendment was discussed and approved by OHSE on November 20, 2020.*

*Clinic Supervisor (signed):*

*Dated: Nov. 20, 2020*

