

COVID-19 UPDATE RECAP FOR WEEK OF JUNE 8, 2020

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Below is a summary of this week's key COVID-19 news and updates for B.C. employers with direct links to relevant information bulletins, governmental resources and articles.

Employers should continue to regularly check the [WorkSafeBC website](#) for updated health and safety guidelines for their business. This week WorkSafeBC issued [guidance for the accommodation industry](#) (hotels, motels, lodges, hostels) returning to operation, as well as for the [motion picture and television production industry](#).

Small businesses may wish to utilize the [Business Resilience Service](#), a program for Canadian small businesses to help them navigate government relief programs and determine which benefits they may qualify for.

On June 10, 2020, the [Provincial State of Emergency was extended to June 23, 2020](#), by B.C. Premier John Horgan.

Additionally, on June 10, 2020, the Federal Government [introduced Bill C-17 in the House of Commons](#) with respect to additional COVID-19 measures. Among other things, if passed, Canada Emergency Response Benefit ("CERB") payments would be made in 2-week increments (instead of the current 4-week increments) from July 4, 2020, through to October 3, 2020.

Bill C-17 would also add requirements that workers would not be eligible for the CERB if they fail to return to work when it is reasonable to do so and the employer has requested their return. Note that at this stage these are proposed amendments and Bill C-17 has not passed.

On June 11, 2020, the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General enacted the [Protection Against Liability for Sports \(COVID-19\) Order](#). The Order immunizes sports organizations, as well as directors, officers, employees and volunteers of sport organizations, from liability for damages resulting from exposure to COVID-19 as a result of the provision of an organized sport activity, as long as they were doing so in accordance with the applicable public health guidance and were not grossly negligent.

Navigating COVID-19 in the Workplace

For further information relating to the COVID-19 pandemic and how it may impact your workplace, please look to our previous bulletins, which can be found on [Roper Greyell's COVID-19 resource page](#).

This memorandum is current to the morning of **June 12, 2020**, but the pandemic and the responses of federal and provincial governments continue to evolve, and this may impact the accuracy of the information in this bulletin. If in doubt about whether anything in this document is still current, please do not hesitate to [contact us](#).



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