Guidance for sex workers

Many sex workers continue to meet clients in-person. This guidance is intended to provide support using a harm reduction lens to help reduce the risks associated with in-person contact and to help keep workers as well as clients safe from COVID-19.

General recommendations

- Wash hands regularly with soap and water.
- Do not work if you have flu-like symptoms and use the BC COVID-19 Symptoms Self-Assessment Tool to determine if you may need further testing.

Before a client

- Consider including questions about symptoms, travel outside the province or country, and contact with sick individuals.
- Take a shower. Encourage clients to wash their hands/face.
- Disinfect work surfaces and any equipment between clients (which includes washing sheets, cleaning toys, etc).

REduce Or Minimize…

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<td>Direct contact with bodily fluids</td>
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After a client

- Wash your hands.
- Wash and dry sheets and towels.
- Clean and sanitize all surfaces your client may have come in contact with.

Additional resources

- Sex Work and COVID-19
- COVID-19 and Substance Use

STI testing

Use GetCheckedOnline for referral to LifeLabs locations for STI testing or contact the 12th Avenue Clinic.

Learn more at bccdc.ca/COVID19