

# 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...



✘ Kissing, saliva exchange



✘ Mouth contact with skin (such as bareback blowjobs) and/or toys



✘ Direct contact with bodily fluids



✘ Group sex for now

## INSTEAD TRY...



✔ Web-based, phone-based or text-based services



✔ Positions that minimize face-to-face contact



✔ Condoms, dental dams and gloves



✔ Seeing fewer people more frequently

## 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](#)
- [Navigating COVID-19 for Sex Workers & Allies: Info & Support Guide](#)
- [COVID-19 and Substance Use](#)



## STI testing

Use [GetCheckedOnline](#) for referral to LifeLabs locations for STI testing or contact the [12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Clinic](#).