



WOMEN'S TRANSITION HOUSING & SUPPORTS PROGRAM UPDATE

As the impact of the pandemic continues to change throughout the province, thank you to you and your teams for your continued hard work and adaptability in these very demanding circumstances. We know there have been many challenges, especially over the past month, with the forest fires, heat warnings and opioid crisis creating additional pressures to the existing pandemic concerns.

Given the new direction from the province in light of the fourth wave and Delta variant, we are pleased to continue offering the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) support. The program has been extended until December 31, 2021, and service providers can continue to follow the current process to access these supports. BC Housing is continuing to assess and work with providers to develop a plan for operators that aligns with the next phase - Step 4 of the Provincial plan. We want to ensure that transition houses, safe homes and second stage housing programs remain safe spaces for both residents and staff and will be reaching back out to operators in October with our next update.

How does this impact you?

- At this time, transition houses, safe homes and second stage housing programs should continue to follow COVID protocols and procedures which may include reduced capacity for transition houses. For more information visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restrictions>
- Access to PPE will remain in place for providers until the end of the year.
- We will provide additional direction in October on operations and capacity. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Sairoz Sekhon, Acting Director, Women's Transition Housing & Supports Program, at ssekhon@bchousing.org and for AHMA programs please contact Celeste Hayward, Director, Operations, at chayward@ahma-bc.org.