

Northwest Regional Airport COVID-19 Safety Plan

As per the Order of the Provincial Health Officer on Workplace Safety and WorkSafeBC guidance, COVID-19 Safety Plans provide employers with important measures to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission at their workplace. Employers are required to develop or update their COVID-19 Safety Plans to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission in their workplace.

This policy includes the measures the Northwest Regional Airport is taking to mitigate the spread of coronavirus and to provide a safe workplace for all our staff. **It is expected that all employees follow this policy diligently**, to help sustain a healthy and safe workplace. It is important that we all respond responsibly and transparently to these health precautions.

This policy is susceptible to changes with the introduction of additional governmental guidelines. If so, the Northwest Regional Airport will update the policy as applicable. As always, we encourage employees to bring forward any safety concerns. This can be done by directly contacting your supervisor or by submitting a formal report through the SMS reporting system.

- Masks will be mandatory in the ATB only. Mask will be optional in all other workplaces.
- All employees **must** wear masks when in the ATB as per Federal regulation.
- Employees entering the CSB must immediately wash their hands or use hand sanitizer.
- Limit visitors inside the CSB. (no unnecessary guests, no tours)
- Any contractors visiting or working on premises are required to be fully vaccinated.
- It is required that employees sanitize any shared tools, equipment, vehicles, radios, computer keyboards before and after each use.

Employee Illness Policy

Anyone who has had symptoms of COVID-19 must notify their supervisor and must self-isolate at home as per provincial health guidelines.

The provincial health officer has issued the following guidance around self-isolation. It is expected all employees follow these guidelines.

- A worker must self-monitor for symptoms of illness and must not come into the workplace if the worker has new or worsening of pre-existing symptoms of COVID-19 described at <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/about-covid-19/symptoms>.
 - As of Jan 18, 2022, “Symptoms of COVID-19 include new or worsening:
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Loss of sense of smell or taste
 - Difficulty breathing
 - Sore throat
 - Loss of appetite
 - Runny nose
 - Sneezing
 - Extreme fatigue or tiredness
 - Headache
 - Body aches

- Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
- COVID-19 symptoms can range from mild to severe. Sometimes people with COVID-19 have mild illness, but their symptoms may suddenly worsen in a few days.”
- YXT will not permit a worker who is displaying new or worsening of pre-existing and symptoms of COVID-19 to remain in a workplace.
- An employee must follow the guidance on isolation and self-management at <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/if-you-have-covid-19>.
 - As of Jan 24, 2022, “if you have mild symptoms and testing is not recommended
 - Stay home until you feel well enough to return to your regular activities.
 - As of Jan 19, 2022, “if you test positive for COVID-19 and are fully vaccinated, you need to self-isolate at home for 5 days AND until your symptoms improve and you no longer have a fever.”
- Anyone under the direction of the provincial health officer to self-isolate must follow those instructions.