

# HAVEN FOUNDATION COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The Haven is concerned about the safety of our employees, participants, guests, faculty, interns, and the Gabriola Community at large in this time of a global pandemic. We have spent many months researching WorkSafe BC (WCB), Island Health Authority (VIHA), Public Health and Health Canada requirements and suggestions for keeping our community safe. This document is the result of that research and contains the specific protocols we believe important to implement to safeguard our whole community.

Our goal with this plan is to create a safe space for employees and other stakeholders and an enhanced awareness of mandated and suggested COVID-19 health and safety protocols.

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FOR GUESTS/PARTICIPANTS: Available at <u>www.haven.ca</u>

As per the Public Health Order issued September 19, 2020 and available at <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-order-gatherings-events.pdf">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-order-gatherings-events.pdf</a>, The Haven has reduced its capacity to a maximum of 50 (fifty) guests or program attendees onsite at any given time.

#### **ROOM CAPACITY:**

#### **Overall Property:**

• 45 single occupancy rooms: 45 guests maximum. This may be increased to 50 when couples or people in the same cohort/"bubble" share a room.

■ Dining areas: Actual dining room – 8

Gomori Room - 2

Sun room – 2 (one each side)

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- Deck: 6
- Hot tub: maximum one person at a time by reservation only.
- Store: maximum of one person in the store at any time.
- Guest Laundry room: maximum one person at a time by reservation only.
- Shuttle van: maximum of two passengers at any time.

The fitness room and Reps Library will remain closed at this time. There will be no bodyworker sessions until a date to be determined.

## Separate session/meeting rooms:

- Auditorium Main: maximum 22 seats total using two circles (inner and outer) not exceeding 12 seats for the outer circle and 10 seats for the inner circle.
- P1: Maximum 9 seats in a single circle
   P2 Maximum 9 seats in a single circle
   Bing P3 Maximum 9 seats in a single circle
   Heron Maximum 12 seats in a single circle

Other session rooms are not being considered at this time due to lack of adequate ventilation, non-opening windows, or have been repurposed for storage.

All the above rooms contain at least 2 doors – one is designated the entrance door and one is the exit door.

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The Bugental Room has been repurposed for storage and will not be open to the public.

## **RISKS IN THE WORKPLACE:**

The following risk areas have been identified in our operations:

We have identified the following job roles, tasks and processes where workers frequently work in close proximity to one another for periods of time that are longer than 15 minutes:

- Food preparation
- Housekeeping
- Front Desk
- Maintenance

We have identified that the following are high touch surfaces that must be subject to rigorous cleaning protocols:

- Point of sale terminals machines and computers
- Doorway handles and cooler doors
- Toilet flushing mechanisms, stall doors handles
- Light switch plates, faucet handles, counter tops
- Kitchen cupboards, small appliances, staff microwave
- Dining room tables before and after meals.

# In order to reduce risk, we have created new protocols:

- Masks are mandatory in all indoor public spaces including, but not limited to, the lodge.
- We have created signage to clearly separate entering and exit doors.
- Guests and participants will be advised that they are responsible for social distancing of at least 2 metres between people lining up for service on the property.
- Catering staff will remind guests and participants to keep 2 metres apart when in the service area.
- Whenever feasibly possible, we will open all windows and session room doors to allow fresh air into the space while limiting the use of fans.
- We have closed our buffet, self-service coffee & tea stations and opted for plated meals.
- We have removed the public microwave in the lodge and the shared participants' fridge.
   All guests/participants will have a fridge, microwave, and tea and coffee making facilities in their rooms.
- All salt and pepper shakers, napkin dispensers, and other tabletop items will be removed from the dining room. These items will be provided on request. Cutlery will be handed out with the meal wrapped in a napkin.
- Food handlers will wear an apron to allow the server to have an extra layer between their clothes and the guest/participant.

- No Haven staff will be allowed in the kitchen.
- Please see the separate COVID-19 safety plan prepared by Ground Up, our food service providers.

# Our staffing protocols are as follows:

- Employees are required to declare that they will not come to work if they have had COVID-like symptoms in the 10 days prior to their shift. Should staff experience COVIDlike symptoms they are required to contact Public Health at 8-1-1 and immediately selfisolate.
- We also require that employees refrain from coming to work if they have had close exposure to a person currently diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Anyone who is returning to our workplace after travelling outside of Canada must have self-isolated for 14 days while monitoring for symptoms before they can return to work at The Haven.
- All staff must wash their hands upon arrival at work at the beginning of each shift and upon return from any breaks.
- Visitors for deliveries and service are required to leave contact information with the front desk. Deliveries, other than kitchen deliveries, will be left in the storage area in the Housekeeping building.

## Our guest/participant protocols are as follows:

- We have a hand sanitizing station and sign when people enter the front door to immediately clean hands before registering on the property.
- We will collect and retain the first and last name of at least one guest in a conference group and all participants, faculty, and interns to assist with contact tracing if necessary.
- Guests/participants will be required to wait at the appropriate two metres distance in all areas where queueing is required.
- Guests/participants collecting or requesting food to take out will wait in a separate location away from seated guests.

- Signage is posted at the entrance of the lodge to ensure that no one with symptoms of COVD-19 or who has had contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 will enter the premises.
- Only two passengers will be allowed in our shuttle van at any given time, each seated in different rows. Masks are mandatory in the van for both driver and passengers. People arriving or leaving by shuttle van will handle their own luggage. Luggage is not to be brought into the lodge. Windows will be kept open as weather permits to ensure adequate ventilation. The interior of the van will be wiped down with disinfecting wipes between trips.
- The changing rooms for the hot tub will be closed. Guests are required to shower in their room prior to and after using the hot tub.
- Staff will not enter accommodation or session rooms when guests/participants are present.
- Only one person at a time will be allowed in reception. When arriving on property, the guest will ascertain their room number on the list outside the lodge door, proceed directly to their room and contact reception by phone to alert staff of their arrival. Front desk staff will phone back when it is safe for them to enter the lodge to register.

#### **CLEANING AND DISINFECTION:**

We have selected Health Canada approved methods and products to clean and disinfect surfaces for all common areas in our business. We have installed hand-washing signage in the washrooms and the lodge.

- Housekeeping staff will wear gloves to prevent contact with an infected individual or contaminated items. Hands will be washed immediately upon removal of gloves.
- Disinfecting high touch surfaces, such as door handles/switch plates, POS machines, computer keyboards, telephones will be done using disinfecting peroxide or wipes. High touch surfaces will be cleaned at every opportunity throughout the day.
- Our public washrooms are frequently cleaned. All entry/exit stall door handles, toilet seats, flush mechanisms and sinks will be cleaned regularly. Session room washrooms will be cleaned at a time determined by our Facilities Manager in collaboration with program Leaders and at a time when participants are in session and the washrooms are not in use.

- We have removed all table items (salt/pepper shakers, napkin dispensers) from our dining room tables so that they can be cleaned and sanitized between each use. Cutlery will be wrapped in napkins and distributed with meals.
- Reception desk and bar counters and front door handles are wiped down with approved sanitizers frequently.
- Between guests, dining room tables and chairs will be cleaned and sanitized. Kitchen staff will remove everything from the table between guests and clean the table completely.
- POS machines will be sanitized between guests who have used the keypad.
- When staff switch positions, any shared equipment will be sanitized.
- Staff will perform regular hand washing with soap and water following the official handwashing guidelines. Handwashing will be done:
  - o Before and after breaks
  - o After touching or cleaning tables/surfaces that may be contaminated
  - o After sneezing, coughing, or nose blowing
  - o After touching their hair or face
  - o After using the washroom
  - After using shared equipment
- Hot tub: there has been no evidence that sitting in a public hot tub is conducive to spreading the virus, however high touch surfaces will be wiped down with a disinfectant between each guest. The hot tub washroom and the area surrounding the hot tub will be cleaned twice daily.

# **GUEST ROOM PROTOCOLS**

- All non-essential items (pillows, decorative blankets, binders, additional dishware and cutlery etc.) have been removed from all guest and session rooms.
- All linens, including sheets, towels, shower curtains, duvets, blankets, mattress covers, and pillows are changed and laundered at a high temperature, fresh for every guest's arrival.
- Dishes and cutlery items have been reduced to 1 set per room.
- Coffee and tea making facilities and a small bar fridge are provided in each guest room.
- Our vacuums have HEPA filters to capture microscopic particles including pollen, dust, bacteria and viruses.

- While housekeeping services will not be provided during a guest's stay, cleaning materials will be provided.
- Linen and towel replacements can be requested by phoning reception.

## **SESSION ROOM PROTOCOLS:**

- Single direction traffic flow for entry, exit, and access to/from washroom.
- Masks to be worn at all times.
- Hand sanitizer station at entry and exit.
- Regular disinfectant cleaning of frequently touched surfaces, such as light switches, doorknobs or handles, metal/vinyl seats and arms of chairs.
- Fresh air ventilation via open windows.
- Personal belongings, including journal, pen, coat and shoes, to be kept at person's seat in individually tagged 'laundry basket' for this purpose.
- Washrooms:
  - Housekeeping cleaners will attend to washrooms twice per day.
  - Protocol instructions will be displayed for individual use wiping of hard surfaces (tap, stall catch, etc.) throughout the day.

## **HAVEN STORE PROTOCOLS:**

- A sign will be posted that requires the following procedures to be complied with for store entry:
  - o Mask wear is mandatory while in the store.
  - o Limit of one person in the store at a time.
  - Shoppers will be asked to limit touching the inventory.
- The store will be vacuumed daily by housekeeping staff.
- Reception will wipe down surfaces with the appropriate cleaning products at the end of each day.
- Housekeeping and reception staff will also be required to wear masks while in the store to minimize the risk of droplets and aerosol transmission.

 Reception will monitor and ensure adherence to the above protocols and suggest changes to assist with meeting guidelines and regulations.

## FRONT DESK PROTOCOLS:

- All staff will be trained in proper use of PPE and mask wearing.
- All staff must complete COVID-19 training. This includes the traffic flow plan for the Lodge.
- Only one receptionist or registrar is allowed in the Reception work area at one time.
- All staff will wash hands at the start of the shift, before and after using shared tools, any time they return to their workstation, before and after wearing gloves or removing a mask, at the end of the shift and before and after using the staff washrooms.
- A plexiglass barrier has been installed at the reception and bar counters.
- Masks must be worn when providing service to a guest when a 2 metre distance cannot be maintained. Serving at the bar area will require a mask by both receptionist and guest.
- Each employee is responsible for disinfecting their workstation at the beginning and end of each shift. This includes light switches, door handles, phones, computer keyboards, printer controls, and handwashing stations.
- All non-reception staff must enter by the side door next to the photocopier to retrieve their mail. No staff other than receptionists and registrars are allowed in the reception/bar areas.

# PROCEDURE FOR REPORTING COVID-LIKE SYMPTOMS:

All staff who self-diagnose with COVID-like symptoms are required to stay home and take advantage of paid sick days while phoning the Public Health information line 8-1-1 to determine whether a COVID test is necessary/required. Staff already at work will be required to notify any manager and immediately return home.

Procedure for Participants/Faculty/Interns/Guests:

- If you detect COVID-like symptoms stay in your room or return immediately to your room. Do not enter the lodge or session room.
- From your room, phone 0 for the receptionist and advise her of your symptoms. The receptionist will immediately advise a manager and the program leader(s).
- Phone the Public Health line from your room at 8-1-1 to ascertain whether a COVID test is recommended/required.
- If a test is recommended/required, contact reception and advise. The receptionist will
  contact the Gabriola Medical Clinic to arrange for a test. You will either proceed to the
  Clinic when requested in your own vehicle or the receptionist will arrange
  transportation for you.

The Gabriola Medical Clinic, VIHA and/or Public Health will advise of further steps. You must remain isolated from other participants and staff until a plan is devised to keep both you and others on property safe. We are committed to your well-being and no stigma or criticism will be attached to your diagnosis. Your right to privacy and confidentiality is important to us.

# WE ARE COMMITTED TO ADAPTING AND CHANGING AS REQUIRED:

Our management is trained to monitor the workplace, engage with staff, faculty, interns, and guests to ensure that COVID-19 policies and procedures are being followed. Any staff questions or concerns will be addressed in a timely manner. Issues that are identified that require input or advice from the Directors (Christine Purfield, Maria Malmgren, Cathy McNally) or WorkSafe BC will be addressed accordingly and appropriately.

WorkSafe BC can be contacted at 1.888.621.7233 for Health and Safety questions. To report a concern, WorkSafe BC's confidential call line is 1.604.276.3000

When issues are brought forward by staff, faculty, interns, or our guests, and in the event of changes in the Public Health Order or WorkSafe BC recommendations, we will update this document and change the date on the cover page.