

April 27, 2021

**COVID-19 Update for Individuals, Families and Caregivers:
Vaccination Progress, Family Visits, Travel Planning, Stories and More!**

Hello everyone,

Whew, it's been quite a month already! Since our last update, we'd like to share how Phase 3 of BC's vaccination roll-out is impacting *posAbilities*, what this means for family visits, summer travel planning and more.

The good news is that most of the persons we serve and employees who wish to be vaccinated have now received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. We welcome the added layer of protection that vaccination offers. You will see us wearing face coverings and practicing all of the other safety protocols we have become used to, as we continue to fight against the spread of COVID-19 and its highly transmissible variants.

Despite our collective best efforts, *posAbilities* and others in our sector continue to experience small outbreaks in our programs. Out of *an abundance of caution*, we must continue to manage your requests for visits on a case by case basis. Thankfully, warmer weather will make outdoor visits more comfortable, and where that is not possible, we will continue to support phone calls, virtual visits, and alternatives like drive-by visits.

As the weather warms, we also start thinking about summer vacation planning. There are currently restrictions on recreational travel outside of our local health authorities until May 25, 2021. To learn more about all of the public health orders and how they impact you, please visit: [B.C.'s response to COVID-19 - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov2/bcgov/content/health/communicable_diseases/covid19/bc_response_to_covid19.htm). You will find translated information there too.

Community Living BC is hosting its next monthly update for individuals and families on **Thursday, April 29 at 11:30am**. To join the group phone call, dial 1-877-353-9184 and use the Participant Pass Code: 37568#.

For more news, wellness resources, events and inspiration, please keep reading and keep visiting our online resources. We also welcome a conversation! Reach out to your program staff, or access family support via info@posAbilities.ca.

On behalf of our entire team, I wish you a healthy, happy and safe Spring.

Sincerely,



Vinita Prasad, Program Director

Staying Connected with Self-Advocates



Peers Being Peers is on Wednesdays, from 4-6pm and there are more events – check out this calendar:

<https://familysupportbc.com/calendar-cfc/>

Across BC, self-advocate led groups are keeping people connected through conversations and shared activities. Folks are sharing their talents, offering mental health support, and connecting with others over games and movies and more!

VocalEye shares the results of first Crowd-sourced Description Project



Wednesday, April 28 at 6:30 pm Pacific Time - This virtual tour will focus on 4 paintings: **The Mona Lisa** by Leonardo da Vinci; **The Cow with the Pearl Earring** by Caroline Shotton; **The Canoe** by Tom Thomson; **Autumn Rhythm** by Jackson Pollock. At least one description from each of our volunteer describers will be included,

plus extra curatorial information about each work. Host Amy Amantea will be joined by project facilitator, Jiten Beirsto and VocalEye's new Visual Arts Programmer, Jessa Alston O'Connor. Learn more here: [Almost Live | Crowd-Sourced Description Project - Vocal Eye](#)

Affordable Housing Workshop

Co-presented by BACI, Vancouver Parents of Youth Transition Group and posAbilities



Wednesday, May 19, 2021 from 3:00 – 4:30 pm

Have you ever wondered what BC Housing can do for adults with developmental disabilities? Learn about subsidized housing options and the BC Housing Registry. To join the Zoom meeting, please email your name and phone number to TransitionParents@gmail.com by May 15, 2021. You will then receive a Zoom link for the meeting. For more information or for technical support, contact Rachel Goddyn at 778-386-4046.

For more **COVID-19 information and resources**, please visit:

[Information for Individuals and Families about COVID-19 - Community Living BC](#)
[COVID-19 Resources - posAbilities](#)