

CRT Update

Monthly news from the Community Resource Team



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Welcome to the CRT Update – a Community Health Services newsletter written and distributed by the Community Resource Team (CRT).

If you have questions about any items in the CRT Update:

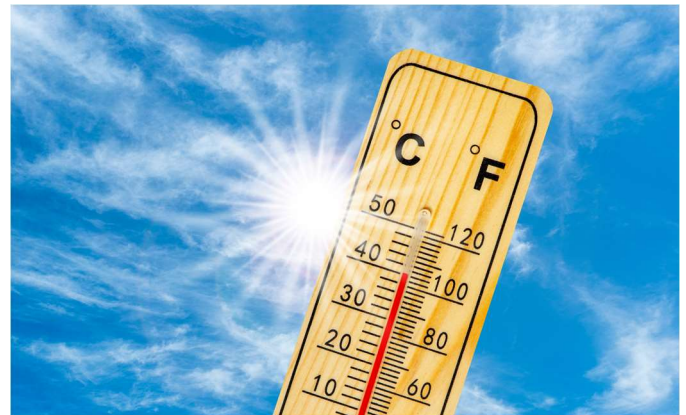
1. Ask your Coordinator or Leader for further clarification.
2. Ask your leadership to contact CRT: chs.crt@islandhealth.ca.

Feature Article

Extreme Heat Event Response Plan for Community Health Services

The Community Resource Team is creating education and resources for Community Health Services to prepare for potential Extreme Heat Events this summer. Using the Vulnerable Persons at Risk score, CHS will be able to more easily identify and support vulnerable clients.

[Learn More](#)



Updated Processes: COVID-19 Related Practices

With the Provincial Health Officer lifting universal mask requirements in healthcare settings, Island Health has also made changes to COVID-19 practices that directly affect Community Health Services (CHS).

[Read Here](#) to see the full list of changes in CHS.

OT & PT Role Enhancement

Don't miss out on the chance to engage and provide feedback to the team at one of the upcoming Town Halls.

[Learn More](#)

Ministry of Health Alerts

Education Opportunities

Update Archive

LPN Scope Optimization: **Scope of Practice Learning Modules**

Three learning modules for the Autonomous Practice for Licensed Practical Nurses curriculum are now available on [Learning Hub](#). This is required education for LPNs, and recommended for RNs and RPNs.

[Learn More](#)

Updated Process: **Falls Risk Screener in CHS Assessment**

To meet accreditation and organizational requirements, the falls risk screener questions on the CHS Assessment for short-term clients PowerForm will be mandatory as of April 26, 2023.

Please make sure these are completed, otherwise you will not be able to save the form.

Updated Process: TELUS Alert & Assist **(Centre and North Island Only)**

There is now a dedicated admin team monitoring the TELUS Alert & Assist portal from 7 a.m. – 11:30 p.m., seven days a week including statutory holidays. From now on, please direct any questions, requests, and other communications related to TELUS Alert & Assist to CHS.CINI-CHWSafetyAlerts@islandhealth.ca.

The phone number remains 250-713-9323.

Financial Assessments: Monthly Tip

Marital Status—Involuntary Separation

What is involuntary separation and how does it relate to “Married but living apart” and “Separated” statuses?

[Find out in this month's tip!](#)

IHealth Updates: **Burn Assessment Bar in IView**

A “Burn Assessment and Care” bar is now available for Community Health Services nurses to use for documenting on clients with burns.

[Learn More](#)

IHealth Updates: **Generalized Anxiety Disorder and COPD Assessment Test**

Community Virtual Care clinicians now have access to two new PowerForms in PowerChart: the Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD-7) and COPD Assessment Test (CAT).

[Learn More](#)

New Tool: Supplemental Risk Assessment

Health, Wellness & Safety have developed a new risk assessment tool: [Supplemental Risk Assessment for Private Buildings and Public Spaces – Common Areas and Surroundings](#).

[Learn More](#)

Say Hi to the RAI!

Monthly Tips for the RAI-HC

Did You Know: RAI outcome scores identify Assisted Living (AL) and Long-Term Care (LTC) eligibility criteria. Clients often have a very limited timeframe to access AL, and the following scores are considered: MAPLe, IADL Difficulty, ADL Self-Performance, ADL Long Form, and CPS. For LTC, the scores taken into account are MAPLe, ADL Self-Performance, CPS, and CHESS.

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Strengthening Practice through Education