



June 2020

## **FOOTCARE SERVICES AND COVID-19**

As the provincial government expands services during Phase 2 (and later Phase 3) of the COVID-19 pandemic it is important to consider the challenges of providing professional foot care services during this time. NNPBC recognizes that return to work regulations will have an impact on businesses, however we also know that ongoing efforts must be made to keep the population and providers protected from COVID-19.

The provision of footcare services is especially impactful because clients who receive professional foot care services are often those who make up our most vulnerable population (e.g., elderly, diabetics) and therefore they are more susceptible to developing severe complications if they were to contract COVID-19.

Healthcare professionals continue to be directed to provide care only with the proper and adequate use of personal protective equipment (PPE) to protect themselves and their clients. It is imperative that nurses who resume footcare services confirm with the [Provincial Health Officer](#), the [BC College of Nursing Professionals](#) (BCCNP) and [WorkSafe BC](#) before beginning services. Additionally, should a nurse provide foot care services while employed by an agency or organization, employer-based policy must also be followed.

NNPBC urges nurses providing all foot care services to adhere to best practices and recommendations that are being made by our provincial health officer, the BCCNP, and your employer/WorkSafe. If you are self-employed, we urge you to follow the guidance of the provincial health officer, the BCCNP and always adopt evidenced-base practice.

### **Additional references:**

- [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\): For health professionals Canada information.](#)
- [BCCDC COVID Resources](#)