# BCSN Protective Measures for Simulation During the Covid-19 Era



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I acknowledge that I am living and working on the unceded traditional territory of the Coast Salish people who inhabited these lands prior to colonial contact.



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## **Objectives**

- Introduce the BCSN
- Review the BCSN
   Protective Measure for Simulation During the Covid-19 Era











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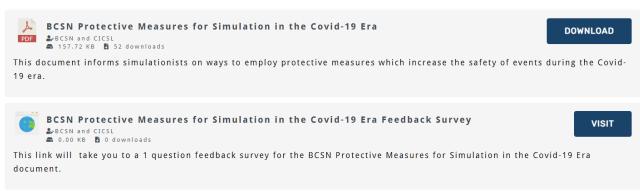






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# Next steps to move BC through the pandemic

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Clean your hands

Stay at home if you're feeling ill - no exceptions

Increase cleaning at home and at work









our cough Minimize non-essential travel







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Protective measure	Considerations
Stay informed	<ul> <li>Keep a very strict register of who attends, who is absent, and who goes home sick.</li> <li>Be aware of local recommendations and update plans as needed.</li> <li>Keep your users and stakeholders aware of your processes, share measures in advance, have them available for review and invite all involved to express their concerns, and work to address them promptly.</li> </ul>
Stay home if you have symptoms	<ul> <li>Monitor for symptomatology at the beginning and throughout the day.</li> <li>The BCCDC testing criteria contains a description of COVID-19 symptoms and is available here.</li> <li>Encourage those with symptoms to get tested, and follow self-quarantine practices pending results.</li> <li>Have a low threshold for people to call in or go home sick.</li> </ul>
Clean your hands  STOP Clean your hands	☐ The BCCDC has handwashing information and resources available here. ☐ A virtual open-source hand hygiene module is available here.
Practice physical distancing	<ul> <li>Maintain 2m physical distance between people, and when this is not feasible, wear PPE as described in local protocols.</li> <li>Participants per simulation activity will depend on room size.</li> <li>Appreciate that it is often human nature for people to gravitate closer. Model peer-to-peer social distancing reminders and conversations.</li> </ul>





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Cover your cough	☐ Encourage respiratory etiquette, which includes coughing or sneezing into the elbow sleeve, and the proper disposal of tissues.
	☐ Wear PPE as directed by local organizations.
	☐ A virtual, open-source PPE module is available <u>here</u> .
	☐ Appreciate that some participants and team members have unique circumstances that predispose
	them to increased risks of contracting or transmitting COVID-19.
	☐ Provide clear direction on the flow of people in, through, and out of simulation spaces.
Make spaces safer	<ul> <li>Consider practicing your proposed workflow.</li> </ul>
	Assure that locations for congregation allow for social distancing of at least 2m.
	☐ For in centre training do not wear scrubs from patient care areas.
	☐ Hand washing stations must be readily available for use.
	☐ No eating or drinking in the lab or training room.
	☐ Work to increase airflow if possible.
Increase cleaning	☐ Training equipment and high touch surfaces should be cleaned after use as per protocol.
	☐ Consider engaging your participants in cleaning practices.
47	☐ Use checklists for consistency and accountability.
	Assure that administrative spaces are also addressed.
	☐ Decrease or secure objects in rooms to increase ease of cleaning.
	☐ Remove items that may be used and inadvertently shared.
Minimize non-essential travel	☐ Explore the use of video recording and streaming technologies to facilitate participants attending without traveling to the simulation location.
	Psychosocial support for individuals is available remotely, through employee assistance programs and the <u>WorkSafeBC website</u> .











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