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FOOTCARE SERVICES AND COVID-19

The current COVID-19 pandemic presents unique challenges to healthcare workers and important practice issues must be considered. Any nurse who provides professional foot care services are especially impacted by this pandemic. 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.

As the population in BC are being directed to adhere to social distancing practices and to only provide services that are essential by our leading public health officials, at this time NNPBC is **RECOMMENDING that nurses who offer foot care services put non-essential services on hold**. This follows the recommendations of the Provincial Health Officer [in a letter](#) written to clarify expectations for regulated health professionals.

We urge all foot care professionals to adhere to best practices and recommendations that are being made by our provincial health officer. We recognize that this will have a large impact on businesses, however, all efforts must be made to keep the population and yourselves safe during this time.

Please visit [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\): For health professionals Canada](#) for information.

Please note, nurses who are employees of hospitals and nursing homes must adhere to their facility policy with regards to footcare services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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