

BC Aviation Museum - Mitigation of Covid-19 Risk

This virus poses a potential health problem for the elderly, especially persons with diabetes, lung or heart problems.

It is spread by droplets from coughs or sneezes and by hand contact with contaminated objects or persons.

Persons who have contracted Covid-19 will, within 4 days, usually have a sore throat, dry cough and sneezing symptoms. These symptoms *may not be apparent in early stages of illness*.

NOTE: A runny nose, **wet** cough or sneezing are NOT symptoms of Covid-19 illness.

The Museum has suggested that members should:

1. **Frequently wipe counters, door handles and metal objects that may have been touched.** Soap and water is adequate. Anti-biotic or alcohol wipes may be more convenient. **Cashiers should frequently clean their hands.**
2. **Wash hands for about 20 seconds.** USE SOAP and lather hands ensuring you wash between fingers. There are nail brushes in both washrooms to improve hand cleaning.
3. **Always maintain a separation of about one metre from others.** At meetings, chairs should be spaced accordingly. Tour guides should maintain that distance from those they are escorting.
4. **Avoid shaking hands, hugging and other close contacts.** Visitors who have enjoyed their tour will often wish to shake hands with the guide. That should politely be declined.
5. **Coughs and sneezes should be covered with a tissue** which should promptly be thrown in the trash. If tissue is not available, sneeze into your elbow.
NOTE: Covid-19 can survive in clothing for several days so contaminated clothing should be washed at the first opportunity.
6. **Volunteers should stay home if they are feeling unwell. HOWEVER a runny nose is *not* a symptom of Covid-19.**
7. **Do not visit the museum if you think you may have been exposed to Covid-19** NOR if you belong to the “high risk” group, (have a preexisting lung or cardiac condition or Diabetes). “If in doubt.... Stay Out!”