

## 2020-03-24 COVID-19 Update

Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry has issued an important update for regulated health professionals in BC, including naturopathic doctors, here: <http://www.cnpbc.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/PHO-Letter-Re-Non-Essential-Services-Health-Profession-March-23-2020.pdf>. It is very important that all naturopathic doctors read this letter carefully.

Registrants should check their email and the [CNPBC webpage](#) daily for updates as the COVID-19 situation is fluid and changing on an ongoing basis. As such, guidance for registrants is shifting to keep up with the most relevant and factual information available.

The CNPBC reiterates the recommendation that appointments should be cancelled, postponed, or provided by telemedicine in a manner consistent with the CNPBC's [Telemedicine Standard](#) and [Code of Conduct/Code of Ethics](#). **It is generally recommended that naturopathic doctors should not see patients for in-person visits at this time.** Exceptions should be rare and confined to situations in which a patient is at risk of imminent or serious harm and alternative care is unavailable.