

# memorandum



**The following has been sent to all Interprofessional Educators on behalf of Learning & Performance Support and Professional Practice**

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Island Health recognizes the quality education and learning that interprofessional educators and leaders provide to current and new staff. We also realize that, during this time specifically, education and learning content is evolving rapidly and needs to be delivered at a rapid pace.

Because of this rapid pace, we want to take this opportunity to remind all leaders and interprofessional educators that physical distancing must be continued at work, including while delivering education and training.

Please consider, and use, virtual alternatives whenever possible. Review [Island Health Collaboration Tools](#) for a list of tools, how they work, and when to use them.

Infection Prevention and Control has provided principles that educators should consider when planning educational activities:

- Monitor for symptomology at the beginning and throughout the day - low threshold for staff to call in or go home sick
- Keep a very strict register of who attends, who is absent and who goes home
- Social distancing at least six feet apart (this is usually at least 2 seats apart, not 1 empty seat)
- Possibly staggered breaks if congregating for food and drink is likely
- Ensure adequate bathroom facilities for the number of people attending
- No eating or drinking in the lab or training room
- Hand hygiene regularly
- Alcohol Based Hand Rub (ABHR) at the entrance to the room and encouragement to use on entrance and exiting and throughout the day
- Cleaning of training equipment, keyboards (when used) and all work surfaces before and after the sessions



If you need any support or assistance related to your interprofessional educator role, including the use of the Island Health Collaboration Tools, please contact the Learning Consultant for your Geography (listed below). For practice support and questions about new graduate transition, contact [professionalpractice@viha.ca](mailto:professionalpractice@viha.ca) and for questions about students contact [studentpractice@viha.ca](mailto:studentpractice@viha.ca). Thank you.

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