

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BULLETIN

TOPIC:	Inspection and Testing Protocols during COVID-19 Pandemic
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Practice Requirements (supplementary to PPB-2020-FP-001, issued April 2020):

Fire Protections Registrants are urged to stay informed of all directives issued by the Public Health Office and the Federal government. Province-wide restrictions are in effect thereby safety precautions should be given paramount importance while working remotely and, on a worksite/workplace. To date, no changes to fire protection practice requirements have come to ASTTBC's notice. All ASTTBC fire protection registrants must follow COVID-19 safety plans and protocols. In case of any ambiguities with regards to practice and protocols during COVID-19, Fire Protections Registrants are urged to contact Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) prior to providing inspection and testing services.

Fire Protection registrants are further advised to:

- Stay abreast of all current directives and any province-wide restrictions issued by the Provincial Health Authorities and the Federal Government with regards to COVID-19.
- Follow the guidelines provided by BC Center of Disease Control and WorkSafe BC, where applicable.
- Fire protection registrants must also follow any published standards of practice or practice guides published by ASTTBC and ensure compliance to published industry practice standards.
- Where practice may be affected due to COVID-19 protocols, fire protection technician registrants must ensure they clearly understand these protocols. When this is not the case, registrants must seek clarification from the authorities having jurisdiction (AHJ) prior to performing services. Situations which endanger public and life safety or cause harm to the environment shall be communicated to the proper AHJ(s) without delay.
- Where working outside of BC, follow any jurisdictional and public orders in effect.

In BC, fire protection services are listed as an essential service and standards of practice remain unchanged.

Further information and practice requirements for all ASTTBC Fire Protection Registrants:

Fire protection technicians shall work with building owners, AHJ and their employers to outline COVID-19 safety plans. ASTTBC Fire Protection technicians, in all classifications, must adhere to the following additional practice requirements and practice orders issued by AHJ during the COVID-19 pandemic:

1. Message from the [National Fire Protection Association](#), 03/26/2020
2. Message from the [BC Fire Commissioner](#), 03/25/2020
3. Message from the [City of Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services](#), 03/20/2020
4. [Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services Fire Watch Requirements](#), 03/27/2020
5. [Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services Fire Watch Log](#), 03/20/2020
6. [FPOABC](#) Message, 03/20/2020
7. [CFAA Bulletin](#), 04/03/2020
8. [CFAA Bulletin](#), 05/05/2020

For more information:

For more information, please refer to the following links:

For more information on workplace safety and industry specific protocols in relation to Covid-19, visit: <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates/health-and-safety>

For more information on non-medical issues like travel recommendations and how to manage social isolation, visit: www.gov.bc.ca/COVID-19

For recommendations on protecting yourself and your community, including for employers and businesses, visit: [http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-\(novel\)](http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-(novel))

For the COVID-19 pandemic preparedness and planning materials, visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics/pandemic-influenza>.

For more information and latest medical updates on COVID-19 including any recommendations for personal protective equipment and masks, follow the BC Centre for Disease Control on Twitter @CDCofBC or visit its website: <http://www.bccdc.ca/>

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