

MESSAGING GUIDANCE FOR BC'S TOURISM INDUSTRY

COVID-19 RESPONSE PHASE

Week of May 28–June 3



DESTINATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA®

THIS IS FOR:

Everyone

PRIMARY ROLE:

- Public Service
- Public Awareness

COMMUNICATIONS FOCUS:

Continue to support BC's Provincial Health Authority in 'flattening the curve' by advising British Columbians to:

- Ensure the public minimizes non-essential travel;
- Support local tourism businesses to re-start;
- Inspire consumer confidence in visiting local tourism and hospitality businesses in their community;
- Restore tourism's social license with host communities so they will welcome future visitors.

Industry:

- Share our consumer-facing messaging with your teams, networks and partners.
- Review the [Provincial Government's Restart Plan](#) and go to [DestinationBC.ca/COVID-19/update](#) for a variety of resources, including Destination BC's tourism recovery plans, Provincial and Federal Government support, advisories and FAQs.

SUGGESTED KEY MESSAGES:

Consumers:

Support #ExploreBCLocal messaging and the key messages of the Provincial Health Authority. Encourage BC residents to enjoy outdoor activities and visit businesses in their communities, but to avoid inter-community travel at this time.

Provide accurate, up-to-date information related to businesses in your region, sector, or community, including those who are open to the public in compliance with health requirements.

Encourage British Columbians to start planning their BC vacations for later this summer.

Industry Stakeholders:

Continue to update industry partners by sharing the latest COVID-19 messaging, information sources and advice regarding our recovery plans, on Destination BC's resource page: [DestinationBC.ca/COVID-19/update](#)

Encourage local businesses to update their [Google My Business Listings](#), and other consumer-facing platforms, and visit [WorkSafeBC](#) for re-opening and operational guidelines.

CHANNELS:

Organic Social

PRIMARY MARKETS:

British Columbia

AUDIENCES:

All

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THIS IS FOR:

Destination BC

PRIMARY ROLE:

- Inform BC residents and tourism stakeholders on appropriate actions.
- Inspire BC residents and international markets to keep BC top of mind during this period while they cannot travel.

COMMUNICATIONS FOCUS:

- Encourage local residents to #ExploreBCLocal, using #ExploreBCLocal graphics
- Inspire BC residents to plan summer travel
- Inspire international travellers to think about future travel in BC
- Share latest corporate and government news with industry partners

SUGGESTED KEY MESSAGES:

Consumers:

#ExploreBCLocal: Enjoy your favourite BC activities, close to home. If you're a BC resident, please explore locally and avoid inter-community travel, including road trips. If you're from outside BC, we look forward to welcoming you when the time is right. Get the latest travel information and future travel inspiration at [HelloBC.com](https://www.hellobc.com). #explorebclocal

Start planning: Where will you visit first once travel restrictions are lifted? Start planning your future trip at [HelloBC.com](https://www.hellobc.com).

Industry Stakeholders:

Learn more about Destination BC's response tactics in alignment with the [Provincial Restart Plan](#), Provincial and Federal support, FAQs, information sources and advice, on our COVID-19 resource page: [DestinationBC.ca/COVID-19/update](https://www.destinationbc.ca/COVID-19/update)

If you have questions about the Province's Restart Plan, as it relates to BC's tourism industry and travel in our province, please email us at covid19response@destinationbc.ca, and we'll work with government partners to seek answers.

CHANNELS:

- Social media
- Email
- Television
- Consumer Website ([HelloBC.com](https://www.hellobc.com))
- Corporate Website ([DestinationBC.ca](https://www.destinationbc.ca)), Industry newsletters and bulletins, industry calls

PRIMARY MARKETS:

- British Columbia
- Alberta, Ontario
- USA
- Australia, United Kingdom, Germany, China, Japan

AUDIENCES:

- Global consumers
- Global trade partners
- BC Industry partners

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THIS IS FOR:

City/Community DMOs

PRIMARY ROLE:

- Inform local members and residents
- Inspire BC residents to explore their community—especially those tourism businesses that are open to the public

COMMUNICATIONS FOCUS:

- Encourage BC residents to #ExploreBCLocal, using #ExploreBCLocal graphics
- Encourage your local residents to share their experiences (UGC) as they begin to visit businesses that are open
- Share timely and accurate information about which businesses are open and how they have made operational changes to align with health guidelines
- Talk with your local mayor/council/municipality about your planned promotional activities, to assess whether your community will be ready and willing to host visitors in Phase 3 of BC's Restart Plan

SUGGESTED KEY MESSAGES:

Consumers:

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Start planning: What are you most looking forward to enjoying in <destination> this year? Start planning your summer trip at <your website>.

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Ensure your [Google My Business Listings](#), and other consumer-facing platforms are up-to-date. Advise your industry partners and community members that you are open for business and how you are meeting operational requirements.

CHANNELS:

- Organic Social Channels
- Consumer Website(s)
- Corporate Website, Industry newsletters, industry calls

PRIMARY MARKETS:

British Columbia

AUDIENCES:

All residents and stakeholders in your community; consumers in search and social channels

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THIS IS FOR:

Regional DMOs

PRIMARY ROLE:

- Inform local stakeholders and residents
- Inspire BC residents to explore their community—especially those tourism businesses that are open to the public

COMMUNICATIONS FOCUS:

- Encourage local residents to #ExploreBCLocal, using #ExploreBCLocal graphics
- Inspire BC residents to plan summer travel
- Share timely and accurate information about which businesses are open and how they have made operational changes to align with health guidelines

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Start planning: What are you most looking forward to enjoying in <destination> this year? Start planning your summer trip at <your website>.

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CHANNELS:

- Organic Social Channels
- Consumer Website(s)
- Corporate Website, Industry newsletters, industry calls

PRIMARY MARKETS:

British Columbia, Alberta

AUDIENCES:

All residents and stakeholders in your region; consumers in search and social channels

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THIS IS FOR:

Sector Associations

PRIMARY ROLE:

- Inform sector operators and employees as well as consumer enthusiasts for your sector
- Inspire BC residents to explore their community—especially those tourism businesses that are open to the public

COMMUNICATIONS FOCUS:

- Encourage local residents to #ExploreBCLocal, using #ExploreBCLocal graphics
- Inspire BC residents to plan summer travel
- Share timely and accurate information about which businesses are open and how they have made operational changes to align with health guidelines

SUGGESTED KEY MESSAGES:

Consumers:

#ExploreBCLocal: Enjoy BC <activity>, close to home. If you're a BC resident, please explore locally and avoid inter-community travel, including road trips. If you're from outside BC, we look forward to welcoming you when the time is right. Get the latest travel information and future travel inspiration at <your website> #explorebclocal <#yourhashtag>

Start planning: Where are you most looking forward to enjoying <activity> in BC this year? Start planning your summer trip at <your website>.

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CHANNELS:

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- Consumer Website(s)
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PRIMARY MARKETS:

Global

AUDIENCES:

Sector operators, employees and clients

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THIS IS FOR:

Businesses

COMMUNICATIONS FOCUS:

- Encourage guests not to travel outside their community.
- Inspire BC residents to plan summer travel
- Inspire BC residents and international travellers to think about future travel in BC
- Advise customers on how you are meeting Provincial health and safety guidelines
- Update your operating hours and policies on Google My Business
- Re-book vacations, for those residing outside your community, for later this year.
- Review cancellation and re-booking policies.
- Share the latest industry news with partners.

SUGGESTED KEY MESSAGES:

Consumers:

Enjoy your favourite BC activities, close to home. If you're a BC resident, please explore locally and avoid inter-community travel, including road trips. If you're from outside BC, we look forward to welcoming you when the time is right. Learn more about our current operating hours and procedures at <your website> #exploreblocal

Partner Support:

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CHANNELS:

- Organic Social Channels
- Consumer Website(s)
- Email

PRIMARY MARKETS:

As Relevant

AUDIENCES:

Employees, clients and industry partners