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RE: JFS EVENTS, PROGRAMS & PUBLIC GATHERINGS

Dear Friends,

At Jewish Family Services (JFS), the health and safety of you, our staff and the general public is paramount. As concerns over COVID-19 grow, we are closely monitoring updates from the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) and working closely with Vancouver Coastal Health to ensure we are doing everything we can to minimize exposure to the virus for our clients, volunteers, staff and those we come in contact with. We are also working collaboratively with local community and agency partners to keep lines of communication open and sharing relevant updates and resources.

At this time, PHAC has assessed the public health risk associated with COVID-19 continues to be **“low for the general population in Canada”**. However, we know there is an increased risk for older adults and for people with compromised immune systems.

Based on the recent information shared today by Provincial health officer Dr Bonnie Harvey “even though the risk is very low” event organizers are being advised to cancel gatherings of 250 or more as part of everyone’s effort to “slow COVID-19 infections.”

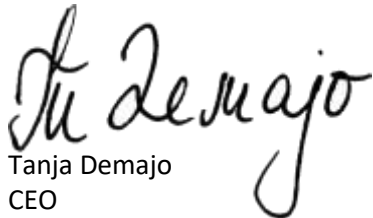
We respect and appreciate you are making your own decisions about how to proceed in light of COVID-19. We are currently reviewing our upcoming calendar of workshops, program-related events, community/holiday gatherings and public fundraisers as part of our commitment to the public’s health, interests and concerns, which are of utmost importance to us.

We invite you to visit our website www.jfsvancouver.ca and to follow us on social media [@jfsvancouver.ca](https://www.instagram.com/jfsvancouver) for updated information.

If you have any questions or concerns at this time, please contact us at 604-257-5151.

We appreciate your patience as we work through this.

Kindly



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