



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

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Dear MAP members,

How are you doing? That's a common question nowadays and one that MAP wants to focus on during the pandemic and the unrest caused by overt and covert racism – providing support through online MAP meetings, information and a friendly check in. We will keep you up to date with any changes to refugee claimant services as they happen - and ask if you have information that you would like to share with MAP that you let us know at info@mapbc.org

MAP NEWS!!

- **MAP Meeting Registration:** https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqcuigrj8iGdzCJP9rbdABn2K_IKym_U7H
After registering send MAP your breakout room request: Settlement / Housing / Community Connections
- Please don't forget to take the **BC CHARMS Housing Survey** by November 20
- **Vancity-funded Employment-focused Campaign “Stand Together”** - Are you interested in providing feedback to a new campaign highlighting the barriers that Newcomers face when trying to get their credentials recognized here in Canada? The [Institute for Canadian Citizenship](#) will be highlighting Doctors and Nurses and want to ensure that it is informed and shaped by those with lived experience, and by agencies in the settlement sector. Please contact Jenny at info@mapbc.org if you would be interested in having a conversation with ICC in this stage of listening and discovery?
- **CCR Fall Consultation** – begins November 26 – more information and registration [here](#) A number of workshops have been developed here in BC with issues of local interest. See you there!

Thank you for all you are doing to support vulnerable refugee claimants - especially during these unprecedented times. Stay safe and well - and let's not let social distancing be a barrier to the folks we serve.

Jenny Lam and Richard Belcham - and the other Jenny!

News highlights: Refugee claimant – related articles from Canada and around the world

Please see a list of interesting articles gathered by MAP from across Canada and globally ([PDF attached](#))

*Thanks to Journey Home Volunteer **Barry Growe** for his research and compilation*

Titles:

- [Change of power in U.S. an opportunity for Canada's immigration goals: minister](#)
Kelowna Now November
- [Why Joe Biden's election doesn't solve Canada's 'safe third country' problem](#)
Toronto Star
- ['They are getting burned out.' Refugees on the front lines of Covid-19 face immense challenges](#)
Ottawa Citizen
- [Asylum seekers from Hong Kong need more help from Canada, advocates say](#)
Toronto Star
- [Refugees cannot be left behind in our Covid recovery](#)
Canberra Times
- [No happy-ever-after for Melbourne as city's JobSeeker fairytale ends](#)
The Age

Forwarded from IRCC: Please find below some COVID-19 resources (including some fact sheets in official languages, Punjabi, Tagalog and Urdu) from the Public Health Agency of Canada (2 pages and attachments)

COVID-19 Community Resources

The Public Health Agency of Canada is providing you with information to help your community prevent the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

COVID-19 most commonly spreads from an infected person to another person through respiratory droplets when you cough or sneeze, close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands, and touching something with the virus on it, then touching your face before washing your hands.

If you become ill with COVID-19

If you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 or if you have symptoms, then immediately quarantine yourself from others and contact your [local health authority](#).

You or members in your household or community may be asked to quarantine or isolate if they become ill to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 to others.

Quarantine:

You **must** quarantine for 14 days if you or someone from your household returns from travel **outside of Canada** and/or had close contact with someone who has or is suspected to have COVID-19. You must:

- **Stay at home** and monitor your symptoms
- **Avoid contact with other people**
- **Prevent the spread of disease** by practicing physical distancing at home

Isolate:

Isolation means staying home when you have a symptom of COVID-19 and it is possible that you have been exposed to the virus. You must:

- **Go directly home and/or stay home**
- **Monitor your symptoms** as directed by your healthcare provider
- Immediately **contact your health care provider** or [local health authority](#) and follow their instructions if symptoms get worse



Reminder for travellers:

As of November 21, 2020, new mandatory requirements for travellers to Canada to submit COVID-related information electronically will be in effect. Use **ArriveCAN** to comply with the new mandatory requirements. Submitting information digitally will also help to speed up processes at the border and limit contact with others.

Use ArriveCAN by signing in online at Canada.ca/ArriveCAN or download the mobile app through [Google Play](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=ca.cic.gc.app.arrivecan) for Android or the [App Store](https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/arrivecan/id1488111111) for iOS.

If you have returned to Canada after travel, you will be contacted by the Government of Canada from 1-888-336-7735 to verify your compliance during your 14-day quarantine.

More Information:

Additional details on quarantine and isolation can be found in the factsheets included below. These resources are available in multiple languages for free from the [Public Health Agency of Canada](https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/covid-19). We ask that you share this important information with members of your community.

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19 download the [COVID Alert app](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=ca.cic.gc.app.covid19). It can let people know of possible exposures before any symptoms appear.

For the latest and most up-to-date information on COVID-19, visit Canada.ca/coronavirus or call the toll-free phone line at 1-833-784-4397, which offers information in multiple languages.

The Public Health Agency of Canada thanks you in advance for your collaboration to help protect the health and safety of Canadians.

Resources: (all fact sheets attached)

- **Fact Sheet: About coronavirus disease (COVID-19)** Available in [English](#), [French](#), [Punjabi](#), [Tagalog](#), [Urdu](#)
- **Fact Sheet: How to quarantine (self-isolate) at home when you may have been exposed to COVID-19 and have no symptoms** Available in [English](#), [French](#), [Punjabi](#), [Tagalog](#), [Urdu](#)
- **Fact Sheet - How to isolate at home when you may have COVID-19** Available in [English](#), [French](#), [Punjabi](#), [Tagalog](#), [Urdu](#)
- **Fact Sheet – People who are at high risk for severe illness from COVID-19** Available in [English](#), [French](#), [Punjabi](#), [Tagalog](#), [Urdu](#)

Update from MCC Refugee Office: We are open again! Now with more focused services.

We will be working with Refugee Claimants who speak English or Spanish. For more information or to make an appointment please contact Teresa Fuller teresafuller@mccbc.ca

Currently, we are not handling Basis of Claim forms and Humanitarian & Compassionate applications.

We will have another new update next week!

Thank you,

Teresa Fuller

Refugee Claimant Services Worker
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On behalf of the Surrey-North Delta Division of Family Practice, partners with Fraser Health, we share the following updates:

New COVID-19 Test Collection Centre in Surrey

We would like to let you know that a new COVID-19 Test Collection Centre opened in Surrey Nov 12. This is the second centre to open in Surrey, and is located on the Central City Shopping Centre campus. The new test collection centre will serve pedestrians (walk-in patients) only. Both drop-ins and booked appointments will be available. No vehicle lanes or in-car testing.

Address: 10025 King George Boulevard (@ 100 Avenue) in Surrey, in the former Best Buy warehouse.

Hours of operation: Monday – Sunday, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Book an appointment online, <https://fraserhealth.secureform.ca/index.php>.

A second test collection centre is located in Surrey, in Newton, at 14577 66th Avenue. This location accommodates both drive-through and walk-in testing, either by appointment or on a walk-in-basis.

Influenza Clinics

Two influenza clinics are currently operating in Surrey. See more details in the **attached poster**. Appointments are **available as soon as TODAY!** Appointments can be booked at the following website: <https://surreynorthdeltaflushot.secureform.ca/>

We hope these service will be helpful to the clients you serve. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Jody Friesen

Director of Strategic Initiatives and PCN

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There are many programs available for refugee claimants at **Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House** 😊



Check these options from their website:

- First and foremost, Settlement Programs & Services <https://www.froghollow.bc.ca/programs-services/settlement/>
- One of these Food Security Programs will be helpful for your clients: <https://www.froghollow.bc.ca/food-security-program/>
- These programs are open for EVERYONE to join! Family Programs: <https://www.froghollow.bc.ca/programs-services/family/> and Indigenous-themed Programs: <https://www.froghollow.bc.ca/waacus-salee-programs-2/>
- For seniors and older adults, please go here: <https://www.froghollow.bc.ca/programs-services/seniors/>

Frog Hollow NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

For families/caregivers with children 0-6

FAMILY DROP-IN PROGRAM

@Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House & online

2020 FALL-WINTER

TUE
VIA ZOOM: 1030-11AM
WED & THUR
IN-PERSON: 10-1130AM

Limited Space. Registration needed

CONTACT DIANE AT
604-506-2131, or
dianec@froghollow.bc.ca

COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES WILL BE IN EFFECT ON-SITE

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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Pathways to Leadership

FREE

A 16-week empowering program for newcomer women with permanent residence status & newly naturalized immigrant women

Thursdays, 9:30am - 11:30am via ZOOM
Week 1-8: Oct 29th - Dec 17th, 2020
Week 9-16: Jan 14th - Mar 4th, 2021

IN THIS 16-WEEK PROGRAM YOU WILL ...

- Explore your interests, skills and strengths
- Build a career plan for work that fits your life and goals
- Learn to advocate for yourself and your community
- Explore opportunities to volunteer and build your Canadian experience
- Build your network and connect with other people, programs and organizations
- Learn about the information on employment, education and training resources in the Vancouver Lower Mainland area.

Register NOW with Eva Aboud at eva@froghollow.bc.ca

Frog Hollow NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

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Posters attached also

Please check out Frog Hollow's newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/7f7309457eb0/frog-hollow-this-month-november-2020>

Title: **The Art of the Elevator Pitch | Curated for refugees.**

Date: Thursday **November 19th, 2020**

Time: **1:30 pm - 3:00 pm PST**

Location: Hosted on **Zoom**

RSVP required | Click here to

register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/127765615395>

Short description:

Being able to tell your story to others while networking in a succinct, strategic manner is the key to making a good impression. The perfect elevator pitch can help you stand out to professionals in your field, giving them a sense of who you are and what you are looking for, helping you better advance your career.

Prior to the event:

All attendees are encouraged to prepare their own elevator pitch (20-45 seconds). During the event attendees will have the opportunity to share their elevator pitch with Jumpstart Refugee Talent's guest speakers and receive feedback on how it can be improved!

Note: Refugee Employment Support

If you are a **refugee / refugee-claimant who needs employment support**, fill the intake on [this](#) registration page and a Jumpstart Refugee Talent representative will connect with you directly to support you in Jumpstarting your career in Canada.



THE ART OF THE ELEVATOR PITCH

Featuring guest speakers:

Serena Nguyen Director, People Experience and Strategy at MaRS Discovery District

Kevan Ellis Director of Education at the Arts Club Theatre Company

Hila Graf Education and Outreach Assistant at the Arts Club Theatre Company

November 19
4:30pm-6:00pm EST



- Get tips on speaking with confidence
- Learn more about crafting the perfect elevator pitch
- Hear elevator pitches from fellow refugees
- Receive expert guidance on your own elevator pitch

To participate, register at
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/127765615395>

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Posters also attached



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BURNABY PRIMARY CARE NETWORKS
**DOCTALKS:
INFLUENZA 2020**
WITH DR. BILLY LIN

Friday, NOV. 20th
12:00PM-1:00PM

REGISTER for the webinar here:
<https://tinyurl.com/bbyflu2020>

CONTACT Manny Sahota if you have any questions.
msahota@divisionsbc.ca



- Learn about where and when you can get the Flu Vaccine in Burnaby
- Hear from a Burnaby Family Physician and from a representative of Fraser Health
- Ask your own questions!

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PCN BURNABY Primary Care Networks

  

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**医生谈:
I流感 2020**
由 BILLY LIN 家庭医生主讲

11月20日 (星期五)
下午12时至1时

线上讲座登记请按此
<https://tinyurl.com/bbyflu2020>

如有问题请联络
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- 了解在哪里和什么时候可以在本那比注射流感疫苗
- 从本那比的家庭医生和菲沙卫生局代表听到
- 问你的问题!

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BURNABY FLU CLINICS

Just a reminder that the Flu Clinics that will be run out of Burnaby Central Park testing site and the UPCC open next week!

For more information and booking please go to

<https://www.burnabyflu.com/>

Andrea Creamer

Community Engagement Coordinator, Primary Care Network

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<https://divisionsbc.ca/burnaby>

<https://www.burnabycoronavirus.com/>

Strengthening primary care in Burnaby.

The long-term labour market integration of refugee claimants who became permanent residents in Canada

Marc Frenette, Yasmin Gure (IRCC) & Yuqian Lu

Statistics Canada

Released November 12, 2020

Summary

"Canada offers refugee protection to individuals who have a well-founded fear of persecution or face other personal dangers in their home country. Although refugee claimants seek asylum in Canada for humanitarian reasons, their labour market outcomes play a crucial role in successful integration.

A new Statistics Canada study, **conducted in collaboration with Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada**, is the first to compare the long-term labour market outcomes of refugee claimants who eventually became permanent residents in Canada (RC-PRs), with those of government-assisted refugees (GARs) and privately-sponsored refugees (PSRs), as well as refugee claimants who did not become permanent residents in Canada (RC-NPRs). Based on landing records and personal taxation data, the study follows refugee claimants and refugees for up to 13 years after making their initial claim or landing back in 2003.

View or download the article: <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/en/catalogue/11F0019M2020018>

REPEATS

DIVERSEcity presents the following workshops for refugee claimants:

- November 20 (Friday) – 2-4 PM – How to spot and prevent job scams
- November 26 (Thursday) 2-4 PM – Resume workshop



Registration details below and on these posters attached .

DIVERSEcity
community resources society

FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP

Spot and Avoid Job Scams Workshop

For non-permanent residents

Looking for a job?
Not all job postings are what they appear.
Many jobseekers, including newcomers, fall prey to scammers and fraudulent "employers" that look real. Learn how to spot – and avoid – scams and fraudulent job offers.

Friday, November 20, 2020
2-4 pm, online via Zoom

Who's eligible?

- International students with a work permit and their spouses
- Temporary foreign workers and their spouses
- Refugee claimants and naturalized citizens
- English level CLB 4 or above

REGISTER

604-547-2002
bcsettlement@dcrs.ca

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DIVERSEcity
community resources society

FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP

How to Write a Resumé Workshop

For non-permanent residents

Looking to improve your resumé and job search skills?
This workshop will help you learn how to write an effective resumé; select a job target; learn what employers want; convince the employer you have the skills and organize your work experience.

Thursday, November 26, 2020
2-4 pm, online via Zoom

Who's eligible?

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- Temporary foreign workers and their spouses
- Refugee claimants and naturalized citizens
- English level CLB 4 or above

REGISTER

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Meet & Greet with Jacob Bros Construction



- Join us for an interactive industry talk in Engineering & Construction.
- Meet the HR and hiring managers
- Learn about hiring processes
- Have a virtual office tour

To Register click [here](#)

[Click and Register online](#)

In Partnership with



When:
 Thu – Nov, 26, 2020
 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
 (PDT)

Where:
 Webinar Link will be sent
 to registrants



Helping immigrants build a future in Canada

www.issbc.org





Webinar

Food Insecurity and the Right to Food in BC

Thursday, November 26, 2020

Please join us on Thursday, November 26th from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM Pacific time for an AMSSA webinar on Food Insecurity and the Right to Food in BC.

About the Webinar:

Food insecurity is the inadequate or insecure access to food due to financial limitations. Many people can't afford the quantity or quality of food needed for a healthy diet. It's a serious global issue that impacts over 4.4 million Canadians and over 500,000 British Columbians. Food insecurity contributes to inadequate nutrition. It negatively affects the physical and mental health of both adults and children. It affects vulnerable, low-income populations. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, many households are facing increased difficulties accessing nutritious foods.

This webinar features experts who share their knowledge, points of view, and work in food insecurity. Graham Riches, UBC Professor Emeritus and former Director of the UBC School of Social Work, is an internationally-recognized expert on food insecurity, social policy and the Right to Food. Sarah Kim is Coordinator of the Vancouver Neighbourhood Food Networks and an advocate for food and income security. Zahra Esmail is Executive Director of South Vancouver Neighbourhood House and her portfolio includes food security.

This webinar also introduces a new AMSSA BCSIS e-learning module on food insecurity from the macro level through to initiatives to improve food equity.

[REGISTER](#)

Please register by Wednesday, November 25 at 5:00 PM PT

Once registered, you will receive a confirmation e-mail from "AMSSA Events" with the link to join the webinar. Reminders will be sent prior to the webinar.

Questions About the Webinar? Send an email to Lori Cameron at lcameron@amssa.org



- **Training Webinar: Employment Support and Mentoring for Refugees and Refugee Claimants**
- **Date & Time: November 24, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. PST**
- **Register: Click below to register for this zoom webinar.**
- **For info and to Register: <http://bcrefugeehub.ca/training-webinar-employment-support-and-mentoring-for-refugees-and-refugee-claimants/>**

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General Employment Opportunities (updated weekly):

There are a number of job opportunities available – all information has been posted individually attached to this bulletin:

Burnaby Pride:

- Burnaby Pride Chair

Save the New Dates! February 24th & 25th, 2021



**BCSIS 2021 PROVINCIAL MEETING
VIRTUAL SUMMIT**

Reminder of re-scheduled dates

The BCSIS Provincial Meeting will be held as a two-day virtual summit on Wednesday, February 24th & Thursday, February 25th, 2021. The meeting agenda will cover a wide range of topics based on service provider needs and interests expressed in the survey AMSSA conducted, and through the guidance of the Meeting Planning Advisory. A virtual summit increases opportunities for participation. There will be topics relevant to all levels, including senior management, supervisors, and front-line staff.

When and Where

Date: **Wednesday, February 24th & Thursday, February 25th, 2021**

Time: **Approximately 9:00 am – 4:00 pm**

Where: **Online - Virtual Summit**

Invitations to register and detailed event information will be sent out in the coming weeks. Please share this information with your BCSIS colleagues who will benefit from attending.

We welcome your participation!

Sincerely,

Lori Cameron, Provincial Integration Program Manager

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