

CRW will be following the WorkSafe BC Back to work COVID Protocols very carefully. These have been passed by the CRW Board.

We will be following the direction of Dr Bonnie Henry to open carefully, thoughtfully, methodically, with very intentional restrictive donations and volunteer work time, so that we can ensure the safety of our team and our donors. We have many activities to consider and these are very different days than we lived in March!

Our volunteers will start in the next few weeks, working on a greatly reduced, very specific and targeted work days and times. We will ensure that they are washing their hands regularly, are healthy, have access to safe physical distancing work areas and sanitizing their work stations before leaving. We will ensure that they have access to gloves and or face coverings/masks as needed. CRW team members will be following the COVID-19 Protocols passed by the CRW Board.

One major change is that we will need to very intentionally manage the flow of donations. The requirement to isolate and quarantine all donations coming into the warehouse for up to 5 days, has posed a major challenge for CRW. We simply lack extra space. The regulations means all donations- whether from the hospital, or schools, or stores or personal donations including what comes from our volunteers homes- including mine! This takes up precious room.

The other major challenge, is the change in how we are going to load. The days of many people assisting at a load day are over. Our team is getting creative in how to load via pallets. This means more selective , continuous movement of goods, to pre-pack and inventory each pallet. This again takes up space in our already tight warehouse. The load will look different from before. This will take some time as we will be learning and changing as we get some experience in a new way of loading (for us). We all know this is our major final intentional goal: to be able to collect, prepare and load goods for a specific overseas consignee as we try to meet as many of their needs as possible.

Right now we are trying to figure out how to juggle receiving, processing and storing of pre-packed pallets. This means, we are not taking regular donations at this time.

We are asking for your patience as we work through these challenges. processing and packing are easy- it is the storage before and after that need to have some creative ideas.

“They [the measures] may seem overly restrictive to many people, and that is intentional,” Dr Bonnie Henry said. “That is intentional because we want to start slowly and methodically and thoughtfully and watch carefully, and that is what we will be doing over the coming weeks.”

Thank you for your patience as we open slowly.

Please watch our website and FB for any changes or updates.

We are all looking forward to getting back to what we love to do- sorting and packing with a purpose of meeting specific needs of those we are sending to overseas. This passion has not changed. We are now using all the creative, and talented wisdom of our CRW Volunteers to look for and implement new procedures. We know that together we will solve these challenges- and have fun doing it!

Blessings

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