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The COVID-19 pandemic is unfolding rapidly here in BC, Canada, and worldwide.

We know that many Music Therapists are on the front line of providing health care and social services to British Columbians who are sick and scared.

At the end of last year, the Music Therapy Association of BC and the Health Sciences Association of BC announced a joint partnership aimed at understanding and improving conditions of Music Therapists' work through conducting focus groups in the Spring. We know that Music Therapists around the province face difficulties around the precarious nature of the work and cuts in the public health sector.

COVID-19 is now compounding the problems of precarious work as we are hearing about Music Therapists' loss of income and jobs due to the pandemic. For now, we are putting a hold on conducting in-person focus groups.

However, MTABC and HSABC are committed to engaging Music Therapists around the province by providing labour relations and information on support for those experiencing loss of income and jobs.

We are in uncharted waters, and we are all working together to prepare as best we can for what is to come.

See below for resources and information for Music Therapists during COVID-19.

FOR ALL MUSIC THERAPISTS

The BC Federation of Labour has compiled an excellent [list of resources for workers during COVID-19](#) including information on employment insurance, sick pay, rights at work, and other supports.

Employment Insurance. [A practical step-by-step guide on how to apply for Employment Insurance](#) created by UNITE HERE Local 40.

HSA created a [Frequently Asked Questions page](#) for all health care and community social service workers.

FOR HSA MEMBERS

For the most up to date information on COVID-19, please visit [HSA's web page here](#).

We have set up a dedicated telephone line for urgent COVID-19 related calls. It is being monitored 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, including weekends. If you have an urgent question please call 1-604-549-5168. We have also set up a dedicated email address: covid19hotline@hsabc.org, which is also monitored 7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.


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