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## WORKERS COMPENSATION ACT - ADDING PRESUMPTION FOR INFECTIONS CAUSED BY COMMUNICABLE VIRAL PATHOGENS

On July 22, 2020, WorkSafeBC's Board of Directors approved amendments to Schedule 1 of the *Workers Compensation Act* and WorkSafeBC's Rehabilitation Services & Claims Manual, Volume II to add a presumption for infections caused by communicable viral pathogens, including COVID-19.

This amendment will come into effect on October 26, 2020.

Although the effective date of this amendment is October 26, 2020, if [\*Bill 23 \(Workers Compensation Amendment Act, 2020\)\*](#) is passed before this date, then the effective date of the Schedule 1 amendment and other consequential amendments will be sooner.

The Board of Directors' Resolution can be found [here](#).

### Other Proposed Bill 23 Changes

For information on some of the other proposed amendments that were tabled under Bill 23, please see the Government of BC [News Release](#).

### QUESTIONS?

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