

# opinion

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## Caution is key to reopening

Caution is the key word now that the province has begun relaxing restrictions related to COVID-19.

When the virus first started to spread, it was relatively easy to methodically shut things down and decide where the risks were the greatest.

Now, moving the other direction – back toward some sense of normalcy – things aren't so simple.

The phased-in approach being utilized by the B.C. government is the right way to go, of course. We have to take this one step at a time to ensure there isn't another serious outbreak.

And that's one of the problems with this virus. Even the experts don't know enough

about it yet to make definitive recommendations about what measures for gathering might work and which may cause more harm than good.

It's been a troubling few months, with so much damage done to the economy in such a short time. Repairing it is going to be a far longer and more arduous process.

But we can't forget that, first and foremost, we have to be wary of health concerns as we work to rebuild the economy.

The challenge moving forward is going to be how much we can do and not take a step backwards.

It'll kind of be like living in harmony with the virus, if you will, because it's unlikely to completely be snuffed out

any time soon.

The virus might well be with us in some form for a long time to come so how can we avoid an acceleration of illnesses and still maintain some semblance of a normal life?

We will be watching our neighbours to the south very closely to see what direction this situation can take.

The Americans are going full bore into reopenings without hitting the flatter side of the curve so it's a risky business, to be sure.

Both our behaviour and that of the coronavirus will be under the microscope for a while to come.

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### photo of the week

Volunteers sort through food for the Cloverdale Community Kitchen after it received an unusually large donation May 29. (Photo: Malin Jordan)

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