

COVID-19, ALCOHOL and CANNABIS USE



There are increased risks associated with alcohol and cannabis use during the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Alcohol, cannabis use and the immune system:



Excessive or high-risk cannabis and alcohol use can weaken your immune system and make you more susceptible to COVID-19 and other illness.

The conditions around COVID-19 may lead people to increase alcohol and cannabis use due to:



Feeling stress and anxiety from the pandemic and economic downturn



Feelings of social isolation and loneliness due to physical distancing



Blurring of daily and weekly routines because of the closing of non-essential workplaces



More alcohol and cannabis in the home from stockpiling

- For more information on reducing risk, see **Canada's Low-Risk Alcohol Drinking Guidelines** and **Canada's Lower-Risk Cannabis Use Guidelines**.
- Feelings of stress and anxiety are normal. To learn the signs and how to cope, see **Coping With Stress, Anxiety, and Substance Use During COVID-19**.
- If you are seeking support for substance use, visit www.ccsa.ca/addictions-treatment-helplines-canada.
- For more information on alcohol and the immune system, see **COVID-19, Alcohol and Cannabis Use**.



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For more information visit

www.ccsa.ca/Impacts-COVID-19-Substance-Use