
To: FH-contracted Facility Medical Directors
Division of Family Practice Long-Term Care Initiative Physician Leads
Division of Family Practice Executive Directors

From: Fraser Health Long-Term Care COVID-19 Physician Task Force
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Date: Friday, May 15, 2020

Re: Long-Term Care COVID-19 Physician Task Force Memo #7

The Long-Term Care COVID-19 Physician Task Force was created to provide direction for critical physician-related issues in regards to COVID-19 in Fraser Health-funded long-term care homes.

Attachments are referenced in **red** under each point.

1. Clarification and Update regarding the LTC COVID PPO

Attached is an updated version of the LTC COVID-19 PPO. The Pre-Printed Order (PPO) is available for use for any patient with a CONFIRMED positive COVID-19 nasopharyngeal swab OR a HIGHLY SUSPICIOUS COVID infection with associated respiratory symptoms where the testing results are still pending.

1. The PPO includes orders for infection control measures, monitoring and medical treatment.
 2. Please note that the LTC COVID PPO was not designed for residents with a pending test and associated mild, non-respiratory symptoms.
 3. Please note that residents with severe respiratory symptoms will need adjustments to their opioid treatment for the management of dyspnea. Please consider initiating the LTC Active Dying Protocol should a patient's condition decline, if in keeping with their goals of care.
- Use of the COVID PPO is not a requirement, but rather a tool to support the management of patients presenting with a COVID-19 infection.

LTC COVID-19 CONFIRMED OR SUSPECTED PPO



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2. Task Force Resources on the FH Medical Staff

All previous memos and attachments can now be found on the FH Medical Staff site under the “Long-Term Care” dropdown here: <http://medicalstaff.fraserhealth.ca/covid-19/>

Please contact Kelly Nagel at kelly.nagel@fraserhealth.ca who can direct your question further.

Sincerely,

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