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NEW Respiratory Illness (RI) Pre-season planning and Swabs: Collections and Shipping

- This is a reminder to review the pre-season planning checklist in the RI toolkit
 - [Pre-season planning, preparation and prevention checklist](#)
- **Swabs:** Order swabs as needed and familiarize yourself on how to do specimen collection [Tool 7](#), requisitions [Tool 8](#) and shipping swabs [Tool 9](#)
- For questions please contact: Public health CNEs: Tammy Au at Tammy.Au@fraserhealth.ca and Meghan Cronin at Meghan.Cronin@fraserhealth.ca and Surjit Rosode, Regional CNE, Community Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) at Surjit.Rosode@fraserhealth.ca

NEW Lunch and Learn MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying) LTC & AL

- **Date:** October 3, 2025 from 12PM-12:45PM via Microsoft Teams (teams link will be shared separately)
- **Lunch and Learn will cover:**
 - MAiD legislation and process
 - What to do when asked about MAiD?
 - Common questions
 - Resources
 - Q&A
- For questions please contact: Dona Lajeunesse, Clinical Social work educator, Assisted Living Services dona.lajeunesse@fraserhealth.ca

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UPDATE **Regional Pre-Printed Order for Prevention and Treatment of Viral Respiratory Illness in Long-Term Care**

- **REVISED** [Regional Pre-Printed Order for Prevention and Treatment of Viral Respiratory Illness in Long-Term Care](#)
- The Regional Pre-Printed Order for Prevention and Treatment of Viral Respiratory Illness in Long-Term Care has been updated due to the change in pneumococcal vaccine from pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPV23) to pneumococcal conjugate vaccine 20 valent (PCV20).
- **Revisions:**
 - To review resident's pneumococcal vaccination history and medical condition(s) prior to ordering.
 - Refer to BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) Immunization Manual: Part 4- Biological Products (Vaccines & Immune Globulins) for Pneumococcal vaccines see PREVNAR 20 for eligibility criteria
 - (<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/communicable-disease-control-manual/immunization/biological-products>).
 - New product pneumococcal conjugate vaccine 20-valent (PREVNAR 20) 0.5 mL IM x 1 dose
- **Eligibility:**
 - A resident without certain high-risk medical conditions is eligible for one dose of PCV20 if not previously vaccinated with PCV20, PCV21 or PPV23.
 - A resident with certain high-risk medical conditions is eligible for one dose of PCV20 even if they have received one or sometimes two doses of PPV23.
 - No booster doses of PCV20 are recommended at this time.
- **Education and implementation:**
 - Prevention of Respiratory Illness - Long-Term Care - Pre-Printed Order is available via Fraser Health Intranet, Extranet, and Viral Respiratory Illness tool kit (LTC RI toolkit).
 - Additional education about pneumococcal vaccine 20 will be provided at Flu school.
 - Contact your Clinical Nurse Educator for support.
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