

Oct 24th, 2024

Sent on behalf of the Fraser Health Integrated Long-Term Care and Assisted Living Services

UPDATE FH Ministry of Health Bi-weekly Reporting: LTC Active COVID-19 Cases

- Effective October 24th, 2024 care communities will no longer be required to report COVID-19 cases biweekly via Qualtrics.
- This includes active resident and staff cases, and staff illness absences.
- If there are any concerning patterns of transmission FH will continue to advise the Ministry as required.
- If you have any questions please contact Susan Brown, Regional Director, Quality and Research at Susan.Brown@fraserhealth.ca

UPDATE Viral Respiratory Illness resources are now available for Long-term-care (LTC)

- Updated LTC Viral Respiratory Illness and Outbreak Protocol and Toolkit is live on the Fraser Health Website at: [Viral respiratory illness and outbreak protocol and toolkit \(RI toolkit\) - Fraser Health Authority](#)
- Start date for the new Tool 27 is Monday Oct 28th - updated Tool 27 is located on the FH website at [Tool 27: Resident illness reporting and tracking form - Fraser Health Authority](#).
- Password for your Care Community to access Tool 27 will be sent out by Public Health.
- Powerpoint slides of the Viral Respiratory and Gastrointestinal Illness Education Session (also known as “Flu School”) will be sent to all Care Communities from Public Health in an email.
- Please contact CDPHNs@fraserhealth.ca for any inquiries.

UPDATE Process Changes for Respiratory Illness Management for 2024-2025 for Assisted Living

- Starting Oct 28th, 2024, reporting of COVID-19 cases to Public Health is no longer required.
- Submission of the Readiness report is not a requirement for Assisted Living
- Declarations of COVID-19 enhanced monitoring and outbreaks in AL Care Communities will cease.
- Testing of symptomatic residents suspected to have viral respiratory illness in AL Care Communities has changed. Changes are as follows:
 - NP/nasal swab order must be obtained from the resident’s most responsible provider (MRP)
 - Lab requisition - MHO billing number is to be replaced with the MRP billing number
- New Resident tracking tool template is available to assist in monitoring symptomatic/positive resident viral respiratory illness – located on the FH webpage with the Assisted Living Toolkit
- Please see updated Viral Respiratory illness guidance for all AL care communities on Fraser Health website at: <https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/resources-for-assisted-living-providers/clinical-resources/infection-prevention-and-control>
- Public Health is available for questions/inquiries as required CDPHNs@fraserhealth.ca

UPDATE Revised Additional Precaution Signage – Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)

- Please see attached KYI introducing the revised additional precautions signage starting November 4, 2024. This is a provincial wide response to PICNet revised signage.
- If you have any questions please contact your IPC practitioner or email askIPCcommunity@fraserhealth.ca