

Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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

### **\*NEW\* Single Site Orders will be expiring Dec 31, 2022**

- Please see attached PowerPoint slide deck from today's Town Hall (Oct 20<sup>th</sup>) for details
- There will be a repeat Town Hall on Monday, Oct 24<sup>th</sup> – invitation to come
- **If you have any questions related to Single Site Orders please direct all inquiries to the contacts offered below (Do not reply back to the contacts on this email):**
  - Multisite employee list queries: [COVID.SingleSiteOrder@fraserhealth.ca](mailto:COVID.SingleSiteOrder@fraserhealth.ca)
  - Non HEABC affiliate employers: [Hlth.LabourAndAgreements@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Hlth.LabourAndAgreements@gov.bc.ca)
  - HEABC will provide a contact to employer members for labour adjustment questions in the coming weeks

### **\*NEW \* Request for Expression of Interest (RFEOI) – Additional Funded LTC Beds**

- An RFEOI has been released to determine interest from Long-Term Care homes for additional funded Long-Term Care beds within the Fraser Health region. Fraser Health is seeking expressions of interest from both currently affiliated homes and non-affiliated homes. Please note that this RFEOI may not result in additional funded beds.
- LTC homes that wish to express their interest in additional funded beds can access the RFEOI here: <https://fraserhealth.bonfirehub.ca/opportunities/58860>
- The RFEOI will be posted until November 2, 2022. If you have any questions about the RFEOI process, please contact [CMOSourcing@fraserhealth.ca](mailto:CMOSourcing@fraserhealth.ca)

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## **\*NEW\*** COVID-19 Provincial Testing Guidelines update-Test to Treat

- On September 28th, the COVID-19 Viral Testing Guidelines for the Province of British Columbia were updated. [Search \(bccdc.ca\)](#)
- These guidelines were drafted with a focus on testing for the purposes of treatment. The guidelines were drafted in collaboration with the COVID Therapeutics Committee (CTC) and COVID Therapy Review and Advisory Working Group (CTRAWG) and various other testing subcommittees.
- In summary:
  - Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) testing is no longer routinely indicated and most Testing Centers offering it have closed.
  - Self-administered Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) are recommended for all symptomatic patients who are eligible for COVID-19 therapies for mild-moderate disease as the first line testing strategy. RAT sensitivity approaches  $\geq 93\%$  if the patient testing is symptomatic, more than 48 hours from symptom onset, and repeats the RAT every 24-48 hours if it is initially negative.
  - As such, the CTC is emphasizing a serial RAT approach to identify patients who have COVID-19 who are eligible for treatment: patients should self-administer a RAT as soon as they feel unwell and the RAT may be repeated daily within the 5-day treatment window, if negative.
  - PCR testing may be ordered at the discretion of the clinician and is still recommended in acute care settings or to identify variants of concern for surveillance purposes.

## **\*NEW\*** Pressure Injury Reduction Project- Call for interest LTC and AL

- One of Fraser Health's strategic goals in Long-Term Care and Assisted Living is to reduce the number of Pressure injuries acquired within the Long-term Care and Assisted Living setting.
- A shared work team/project team is being assembled and is seeking representation from our affiliated and operated partners.
- Although the amount of work and schedule is still being determined, at this time, we are anticipating a 2-hour meeting every two weeks with required work between these meetings.
- We are looking for Directors of Care/Clinical leads/Resident Care Coordinators/Clinical Nurse Educators interested in this work. If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact Mike Mutter at [mike.mutter@fraserhealth.ca](mailto:mike.mutter@fraserhealth.ca).