

April 20th, 2023

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

***UPDATE* Ministry of Health (MoH) announcement: discontinuation of the key Provincial COVID-19 policies**

- Provincial Health Officer announced the end of the respiratory season and the discontinuation of the key provincial COVID-19 policies. Here are the key changes:
 - Lifting of visitor proof of vaccination
 - Removal of visitor Rapid Point of Care Testing
 - Lifting of visitor universal masking requirements
 - Removal of screening practices for visitors
 - Staff masking scaled back to Point of Care Risk Assessment
 - Remove all COVID-19 signage
- Please see updates to the following orders: [Repeal Visitation Order – April 6, 2023](#); [Hospital and Community Preventative Measures Order](#) and [Residential Care Preventive Measure Order](#)

***UPDATE * PHO Measures in Health Care settings: End of respiratory season- Updated Q & A**

- Further to the LTC/AL update from MoH announcement April 6th, Please see the MoH updated Q & A document that covers off a broader range of inquiry

***REVISION* Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) in LTC/AL Self-Assessment Competency Tool**

- The LPN in LTC/AL Self-Assessment Competency Tool has been revised.
- This tool replaces the former Competency Assessment, Planning, and Evaluation (CAPE) tool “Licensed Practical Nurse Competency Document Residential Care”
- The tool lists competencies, indicators and ways of learning for each of the nine standard categories. These competencies are expectations of practice for the LPN in Long Term Care and Assisted Living.
- **Upcoming Information Session/s for LTC and AL:** Watch for invites to information sessions where the tool and its use will be reviewed and your questions answered.
- For any questions, please reach out to Andrea Pomeroy Andrea.Pomeroy@fraserhealth.ca or Marie Blaire Marie.Blair@fraserhealth.ca

***REMINDER* Seasonal Readiness: Extreme heat resources available for LTC/AL**

- Fraser Health has resources available in advance of the summer months to support care communities’ extreme heat planning.
- All documents related to designing and implementing your care community’s heat response plan are available [here](#).
- The Fraser Health Emergency Preparedness Working Group will distribute communications to care communities regarding extreme weather events as they are forecast.
- If you have any questions, please reach out to your licensing officer or the Access, Care and Transitions team at FHAccessCareTransitions@fraserhealth.ca