

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

NEW Increased viral gastrointestinal illness (GI) activity

- There is an increase in viral GI across Fraser Health communities and in acute care sites.
- Vomiting and diarrhea are the primary symptoms of GI.
- **Please see attached KYI and break room strategies document** regarding the increased GI activity and during Viral Respiratory Illness (VRI) and GI Outbreak Guidelines
- For any questions, please contact your site Infection Prevention and Control team.

REMINDER Incorrect Naming of Tools Submitted by Cerberus - Population & Public Health

- Public Health Case and Contact Management (CCM) Admin staff have been receiving Care Home Tools via Cerberus with the site name not listed in the title of the document.
- Incorrect naming conventions may affect timely follow up as the Admin Staff will need to look through several tools to identify a specific site.
- Please ensure to follow the correct naming convention in the Cerberus supporting document called [Secure File Sharing with Fraser Health](#) found on the FH External Site.
- If you have any questions please contact CCM 778-369-0123

NEW Reflex Testing - Population & Public Health

- BCCDC is no longer doing reflex testing (automatic testing for influenza, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) & COVID) when polymerase chain reaction (PCR) swabs are sent for Covid-19 testing only.
- Moving forward, if a resident has Respiratory Illness symptoms and a PCR swab is being completed, **please ensure to check all three pathogens:** COVID-19, influenza and RSV when submitting PCR swabs for testing and/or any other testing recommended by the client's Most Responsible Physician (MRP).
- If you have any questions please contact CCM 778-368-0123

NEW Regional Immunization Outreach Team - expanding services for specialized populations

- The Regional Immunization Outreach Team, which has supported LTC/AL care communities during our COVID immunizations, is now a permanent team that will be able to continue support after the COVID Immunization Centres have closed to ensure that you have access to the vaccine and any other supports if needed.
- As the team is now part of Population and Public Health, vaccine will be available at Public Health Units across Fraser Health.
- For more information, contact Barbara Drake, Manager, Population and Public Health, Regional Immunization Outreach at Barbara.Drake2@fraserhealth.ca