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

***REMINDER* Staff Screening COVID-19 Guidelines LTC-AL**

- All care communities should be following staff guidelines for staff screening which is applicable to staff and medical staff in both owned and operated, and affiliated.
- All staff and medical staff will be actively screened upon entry. Active screening is defined as assigned personnel, screener or staff member, asking COVID-19 screening questions to everyone entering the facility or unit as stated on bottom of page 3 of [Fraser Health COVID-19 Staff and Medical Staff Screening Guidelines](#) (attached).
- **Staff are only required to complete rapid test if symptomatic.**
- Staff experiencing mild symptoms (e.g., sniffles, scratchy throat, headache) will receive rapid point of care test at work site prior to beginning work that day or if they develop symptoms while at work. Please see as stated on page 1 under Guidelines of the [Fraser Health COVID-19 Staff and Medical Staff Screening Guidelines](#).
- Please see [BCCDC Guidelines Visitors in Long-Term Care and Seniors Assisted Living](#) on page 2, which outlines visitor screening guidelines. Visitor restrictions do not apply to health professionals, inspections staff or any outside providers (e.g., medical practitioners, home support workers, allied health-care providers) entering the care community to support residents.

***REMINDER* LTC/AL transitioning from the COVID-19 Toolkit to Respiratory Illness (RI) Toolkit**

- LTC AL is transitioning from the [COVID-19 Toolkit](#) to the [RI toolkit](#) for guidance, tools and preventative measures for all viral respiratory illnesses including COVID 19, influenza, and non influenza/ COVID 19 viral respiratory outbreaks.
- The COVID-19 Toolkit is still available for reference however the RI Toolkit should be considered the source of truth for all guidance related to preventative measures for RI