

Spring COVID-19 Booster Doses for Long-Term Care Residents

What's happening?

- **Beginning April 24, bivalent COVID-19 booster doses will be available to long-term care residents.**
- **All residents in long-term care will be offered a booster once it has been six months since their last dose.** ImmsBC is to be used for all resident registration and vaccine administration for these doses.
- **The identified vaccine for the booster dose will be either the Moderna Spikevax bivalent vaccine or the Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty bivalent vaccine.** The identified vaccine options for the primary series will remain as either the Moderna Spikevax vaccine or the Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty bivalent vaccine.

What actions do I need to take?

- **To ensure COVID-19 vaccinations are kept up-to-date for all residents, all long-term care sites must have a plan in place to ensure residents and tenants are offered vaccinations, and that each resident's vaccine series, as appropriate, is completed.** This includes ensuring residents are registered with ImmsBC.
- If you have a pharmacy supporting your immunizations, please contact them to arrange dates for your clinic. If you have your own immunizers, please ensure they have completed the appropriate training and competency skills checklist.
- Regardless of your clinic dates, please start gathering consents from residents and tenants as soon as possible.
- A PPO is not required for this dose. Physicians will need to submit an order, similar to the flu vaccine.
- In preparation of your clinic day, please complete a downtime eform for each resident. Downtime forms can be downloaded [here](#). Fraser Health may be able to support your documentation needs or may require you to fax the completed downtime forms to our regional office for entry into ImmsBC.
- Vaccine can be ordered [here](#). Please note that the pick up locations have changed.
- Fraser Health will **not** be providing supplies, including syringes/needles. All sites must provide their own.
- Fraser Health will be contacting you during the week of April 3 to confirm your immunization clinic dates.

Questions?

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