

## Spring COVID-19 Immunization Program

### What's happening?

- **Starting soon in April, additional dose of [XBB.1.5 containing COVID-19](#) will be available to:**
  - Long-term care and assisted living residents
  - Adults 65 years of age and older
  - Indigenous individuals 55 years of age and older
  - CEV Group 1 and 2 six months of age and older
  - Anyone who has not received a dose of the XBB.1.5 COVID-19 vaccine previously
- **A minimum three-month interval between doses is required.**
- **All residents in long-term care, assisted living and anyone over the age of 65 will be offered a spring dose if they are eligible.** ImmsBC will be used for all resident registration and vaccine administration of these dose/s.
- **Lunch and Learn sessions will be offered April 08 & 10 12-1.** Please join the one that works best for you. You do not need to attend both. Invites will follow.

### What actions do I need to take?

- **To ensure COVID-19 vaccinations are kept up to date for all residents, all long-term care and assisted living care communities must have a plan in place to ensure residents and tenants are offered the COVID-19 vaccine.**
- 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 consent from residents and tenants as soon as possible.
- Once you have determined your clinic date, please complete the [pre clinic survey](#). **This must be completed by April 15.**
- In preparation of your clinic day, please complete a downtime eform for each resident. Downtime forms can be downloaded [here](#).
- All COVID-19 immunizations must be documented in ImmsBC. Every care community should have already onboarded with ImmsBC and have had the appropriate staff members obtain access and complete the training.
- Vaccines can be ordered [here](#). Please note that vaccine needs to be ordered a minimum of two weekdays prior to pick up. You may pick up the day prior to your clinic if you meet [storage requirements](#).
- Fraser Health will **not** be providing supplies, including syringes and needles. All sites must provide their own.
- The [post clinic survey](#) must be complete within 24 hours of your clinic. This includes information required for Ministry of Health reporting.

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