

FALL IMMUNIZATION CAMPAIGN & VIRAL RESPIRATORY ILLNESS (VRI) SEASON PLANNING TOWNHALL LTC/AL/IL

SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 03:00PM-04:30PM

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We recognize that **Fraser Health provides** care on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the Coast Salish and Nlaka'pamux Nations, and is home to six Métis Chartered Communities.



AGENDA:

1. Welcome & Introductions	Curtis Snider , Regional Director Capital, Equipment & Community Emergency Planning
2. Fall Covid & Influenza Immunization Campaign	Denise Thandi, Coordinator Population & Public Health Dr. Lindsay Bowthorpe, Medical Director Medical Health Officer Population & Public Health Hema Shrestha, Director Population & Public Health Regional Immunization Outreach Team
3. LTC/AL Respiratory Season and Fall Vaccination Drive	Rommel C. Dahiroc, Physician Lead Emergency Preparedness and Infection Prevention Responses LTC/AL
4. Viral Respiratory Illness (VRI) Season Planning	Erin Bampton, Interim Director Long-Term Care (LTC) Contract Services
5. Questions via Slido	Susan Brown, Regional Director Quality & Research





FALL 2023 RESPIRATORY CAMPAIGN

Denise Thandi

Coordinator | Population & Public Health

Dr. Lindsay Bowthorpe

Medical Director | Medical Health Officer Population & Public Health

Hema Shrestha

Director | Population & Public Health

Regional Immunization Outreach Team

FALL RESPIRATORY CAMPAIGN FOR LONG TERM CARE AND ASSISTED LIVING

- ■Agenda for today's meeting:
- 1.Provincial Guidelines for COVID and Influenza Immunizations for Long Term Care and Assisted Living
- 2. Respiratory Infection Information Dr. Lindsay Bowthorpe
- 3. Fraser Health anticipations for the LTC/AL Fall Respiratory Campaign
- 4.Timelines
- 5.ImmsBC Documentation
- 6. Contacts for further questions





Provincial Guidelines and Eligibility

PROVINCIAL GUIDELINES FOR 2023/24 RESPIRATORY IMMUNIZATIONS

The provincial 2023/2024 influenza and COVID-19 immunization campaign will start in mid-October.

Both vaccines are highly recommended for all eligible B.C. residents six months of age and older.

Influenza Fall 2023 Vaccines:

- WHO recommended strains for the Northern Hemisphere
- Refer to Influenza vaccines section of: <u>Part 4: Biological Products (Vaccines & Immune Globulins)</u> (<u>bccdc.ca</u>)
- Fluad and FluzoneHD can be used interchangeably for 65+, LTC residents and Indigenous population

COVID-19 Fall 2023 Vaccines:

- XBB.1.5 (Omicron subvariant) product
- Moderna and Pfizer products approved by Health Canada
- Novavax (non-mRNA) may be available in limited supply
- Co-administration with influenza vaccine is recommended
- Refer to COVID-19 vaccines section of: <u>Part 4: Biological Products (Vaccines & Immune Globulins)</u> (bccdc.ca)



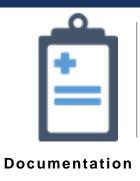


Fraser Health requirements for the LTC/AL Fall Respiratory Campaign

Fraser Health Requirements



Every facility should have their own immunizers and/or use the support of their pharmacy



ImmsBC will be used to document all COVID and Influenza immunizations. Information regarding access to ImmsBC has already been distributed.



Influenza and COVID vaccine can be ordered online and picked up at public health unit. Orders MUST be places at least 48 hours in advance.

Co-administration is encouraged.



Reporting

Pre-clinic and post clinic survey are both online. Post clinic survey will include information for the required MOH reporting. Fax cover sheet will also still be required for inventory purposes.





Timelines

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Training to be Completed by Oct 10th

- Immunization Training
- ImmsBC Onboarding and Training

Immunizations to be completed by Nov 24th

- Vaccine orders require minimum 48 hours notice
- Fax cover sheet to be completed and sent at end of each clinic day

Pre Clinic Questionnaire to be completed by Oct 10th

https://forms.office.com/r/rnGd1nQxWT

Post Clinic Questionnaire to be completed 24 hours post clinic

https://forms.office.com/r/4jtk4GxmCp





ImmsBC Documentation

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Every facility should have already onboarded with ImmsBC and have the appropriate staff members obtain access and complete the training. ImmsBC will be used to document all COVID and Influenza immunizations.

Training

- Watch 4 videos
- Join Office Hours if you have questions

Facility Set up

Complete an online form get your clinic set up within ImmsBC

Provisioning

 To get your login credentials use your BC Services Card to gain access to the Provider Identity Portal and request ImmsBC access



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LONG-TERM CARE AND ASSISTED LIVING UPCOMING RESPIRATORY SEASON AND FALL VACCINATION DRIVE

Dr. Rommel C. Dahiroc

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LTC/AL RESPIRATORY SEASON AND FALL VACCINATION DRIVE

1. 2023-2024 Influenza and COVID-19 vaccine program - Fraser Health Authority

2. Medical health officer updates - Fraser Health Authority

3. Respiratory Diseases (bccdc.ca)

4. Treatments (bccdc.ca)





VIRAL RESPIRATORY ILLNESS (VRI) SEASON PLANNING

Erin Bampton

Interim Director | Long-Term Care (LTC) Contract Services

INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL MEASURES

BC will be re-instating additional IPC measures in health care settings for the 2023/24 VRI season.

The coordinated implementation date for additional IPC measures = October 3, 2023



PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE-REMINDERS

- Maintain actions to prevent illness and spread
 - Frequent hand washing
 - Staying home when sick
 - Wearing a mask when symptomatic or recovering or additional protection of choice
 - Keep vaccinations up to date
 - Follow respiratory etiquette cover cough with elbow and or sleeve
 - Respect personal space



FALL/WINTER IPC MEASURES IN HEALTH CARE SETTINGS:

Hand Hygiene

Masking

Staff Self-Assessment

Resident Ambassadors / Screeners



FALL/WINTER IPC MEASURES IN HEALTH CARE SETTINGS:

Visitors

No capacity Limits

HCW Immunization

Enhanced Cleaning & Disinfection



Q&A

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Everyone is encouraged to participate.

