# COVID-19



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# Fall Respiratory Immunizations for Long-Term Care and Assisted Living Residents

## What's happening?

- Beginning October 9, COVID-19 and Influenza (flu) vaccines are available to long-term care residents and seniors in assisted living.
- All residents in long-term care and assisted living will be offered an updated vaccine if it has been at least three months since their last dose.
- For adults, COVID-19 vaccine, flu vaccine and Pneumovax can be given at the same time.

### What actions do I need to take?

- To ensure COVID-19 immunizations are kept up-to-date for all residents, all long-term care and assisted living sites must have a plan in place to ensure residents and tenants are offered both flu and COVID-19 immunizations.
- A guide has been created to assist you in planning your clinic. The guide is attached to this KYI.
- If applicable, please contact your pharmacy to determine a clinic date.
- Once you have determined your clinic date please complete the <u>pre clinic survey</u>. This must be completed by October 10.
- Regardless of your clinic dates, please start gathering resident consent as soon as possible.
  Consent should be documented on the downtime forms which can be downloaded <a href="here">here</a>.
- All COVID-19 and flu immunizations must be documented in ImmsBC. Every facility should have already onboarded with ImmsBC and have the appropriate staff members obtain access and complete the training.
- Vaccines can be ordered <a href="here">here</a>. Please note that all vaccines need to be ordered a minimum of two weekdays prior to pick up. COVID-19 vaccine pick up will occur on the day of the clinic. No overnight storage is permitted.
- The <u>post clinic survey</u> must be complete within 24 hours of your clinic. This includes information required for Ministry of Health reporting. A fax cover sheet will also be required for inventory purposes.

### Questions?

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