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Fraser Health Long-Term Care & Assisted Living Student Placement Strategy during COVID-19

In order to ensure the health and safety of our residents/tenants and staff, any students and faculty practicing in Long-Term Care (LTC) or Assisted Living (AL) must comply with the following guidelines.

Post-Secondary institutions must prepare students and faculty by ensuring that they:

- Receive training related to COVID-19 prevention, including how to appropriately use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- Follow all Fraser Health infection prevention and control (IPC) policies and procedures.
- Do not work or volunteer at any other LTC or AL site for the duration of the student placement, in accordance with the Provincial Order.
- Adhere to physical distancing as much as possible by considering virtual learning opportunities when possible.

Long-Term Care and Assisted Living managers/delegates are responsible for approving student placements. Those coordinating the experience must confirm or ensure:

- Post-secondary institutions have prepared the students and faculty by providing education related to COVID-19, including the appropriate use of PPE.
- An adequate supply of PPE for students and faculty is available.
- Students and faculty consistently follow IPC practices.
- Students and faculty leave the practice setting immediately if they become symptomatic and be given instruction to go a Community Assessment Centre for testing.
- Crowding at nursing stations and in break rooms is avoided by requiring larger groups of students to work in separate neighborhoods or different shifts.



All students and faculty members must:

- Complete the BC COVID-19 Symptom Self-Assessment Tool prior to entering a Fraser Health Long-Term Care or Assisted Living facility.
- Not report for training/work at an LTC/AL site if they have any symptoms or signs of illness or have been in contact with a COVID-19 positive case within the previous 14 days.
- Adhere to screening procedure upon entry to the building.
- Complete COVID-19 prevention education prior to placement and demonstrate appropriate use of PPE and IPC practices.
- Wear the appropriate PPE when in resident/tenant care areas and when providing care.
- Adhere to strict IPC practices (perform hand hygiene, maintain physical distancing).
- Not be assigned to work with residents/tenants on isolation, unless the students are educated in and demonstrate proficiency with required IPC practices.
- Adhere to the single site order, i.e. can only work at one LTC or AL facility for the duration of the placement (in any role).