

# TALKING POINTS FOR LEADERS

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## First dose COVID-19 vaccine clinics still available for long-term care and assisted living staff, medical staff and essential visitors

#### Background:

- The province is experiencing a temporary delay in vaccine shipments. To protect as many people as possible with the limited supply we have, available vaccine is being directed to staff, medical staff and essential visitors in long-term care (LTC) and assisted living (AL) facilities who have not received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine. This information is confidential. Do not forward to others.
- Essential visitors are defined in the <u>BC Centre for Disease Control and BC Ministry of Health Overview of Visitors in Long-Term Care and Seniors' Assisted Living.</u>

#### **Action required:**

Use the Key Messages below to talk to staff, medical staff and essential visitors who have not received their first dose
of COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible so they can take advantage of this first dose COVID-19 vaccine opportunity.

#### **Key Messages:**

#### For staff and medical staff:

- If you would like to receive your first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, please book an appointment immediately. Immunization clinic dates, times and locations are shown on the booking link below.
- To book your appointment:
  - Please copy and paste the link below into Google CHROME and use the access code below to book your appointment. **DO NOT SHARE THIS LINK OR ACCESS CODE WITH ANYONE.** Anyone booking an appointment who is not an eligible member of this priority group may be turned away at the clinic.

Link: fraserhealth.ca/vaccinebooking

Access code: Ocean

o If you need help booking your appointment, you can refer to the COVID-19 Vaccine Booking Tool guide

#### For essential visitors:

• If you would like to receive your first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, we will book your appointment on your behalf. Inform the Manager/Director of Care of your desire to receive the vaccine.

#### For everyone:

- If cancelling, be sure to cancel the appointment ahead of time to allow others to get vaccinated.
- Please remember that all health care staff, medical staff and essential visitors who want to be vaccinated will
  eventually have the opportunity. As more vaccine becomes available, a second phase of vaccination will begin for the
  next priority groups, which includes other health care workers. Thank you for your patience and understanding in the
  meantime.
- You can learn more about B.C.'s COVID-19 immunization strategy here.