

LTC/AL PROVIDERS COVID-19 TOWN HALL

FEBRUARY 02, 2021

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AGENDA 2:15PM – 3:00PM

- 1. Welcome & Introductions** – Susan Brown, LTC-AL Coordination Centre Director
- 2. Vaccine Updates** – David Thompson, Pandemic Planning Advisor
- 3. Updates on Admission and Transfer Guidelines and Algorithm** – Michelle Merkel, Manager, Clinical Practice & Quality Assurance, Long Term Care Services & Anita Wahl, Clinical Nurse Specialist
- 4. EquipCare BC Information Session** – Snezana Ristovski, Director of Programs
- 5. Q & A via *Sli.do***

COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATES

- Jan 31 - Have vaccinated 12,261 Residents and 13,193 Staff and Medical Staff and 1,257 Essential Visitors
- Have vaccinated over 400 clients waiting for LTC
 - Vaccination status is not a barrier to admission (see Jan 28th Toolkit Update – p. 20)
- **Second Dose** on **Day 42** after First Dose (or a few days after Day 42)
- **Second Dose** vaccinations started for staff
- Outreach clinics for **Second Dose** for residents start this week
- Adjusting plans regularly due to vaccine supply changes
- Need to maintain good prevention and outbreak management protocols

REVISED LTC/CV/AL ADMISSION GUIDELINES & TRANSFER ALGORITHMS

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MICHELLE MERKEL, MANAGER, CLINICAL PRACTICE & QUALITY ASSURANCE, LONG TERM CARE SERVICES

ANITA WAHL, CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST

REVISIONS ADMISSIONS GUIDELINES & TRANSFER ALGORITHMS

- Eligible patients/residents/tenants are to be offered the vaccine prior to admission/transfer, but it is NOT a requirement

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- Community

- Increasing community admissions

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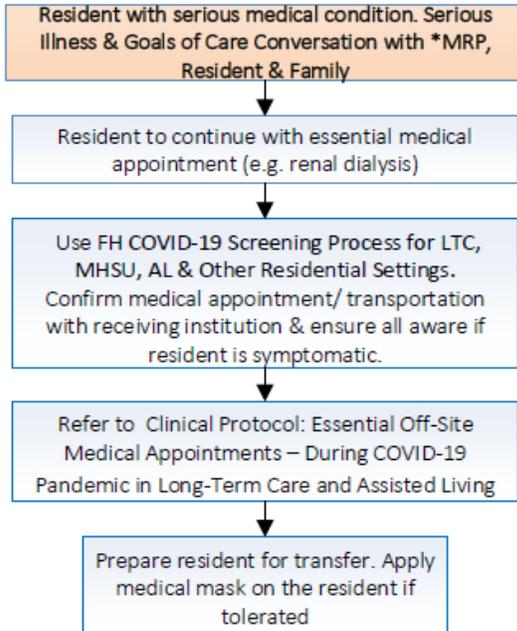
- Acute
 - Added Appendix 1 - Recommendations to Transfer Patients from Acute Care to LTC/AL Units Based on COVID-19 Status

REVISIONS ADMISSIONS GUIDELINES & TRANSFER ALGORITHMS

- LTC/CV/AL
 - Removed intolerable risk
 - Approval no longer required

LONG-TERM CARE – Transfers of Residents during COVID-19

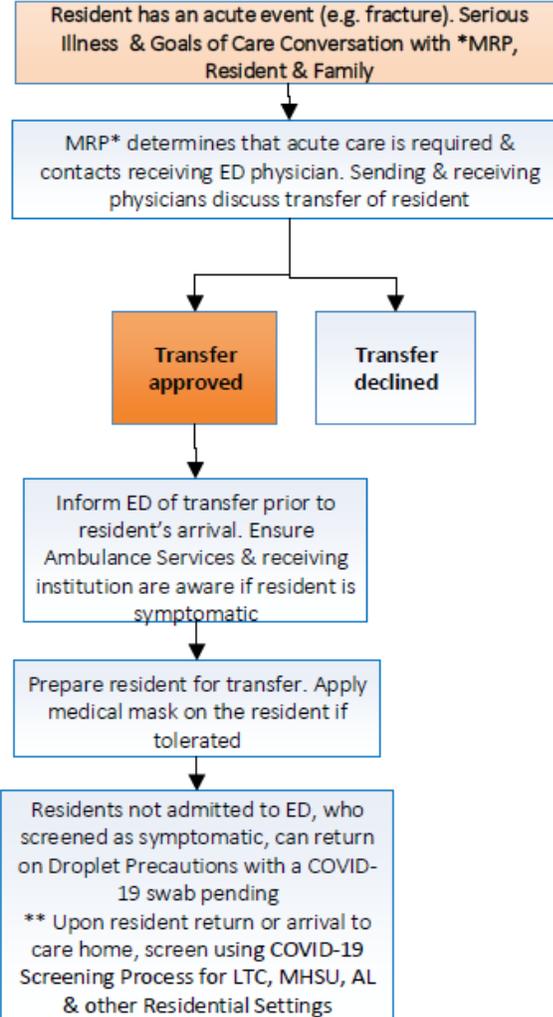
Transfers for Essential Medical Appointments



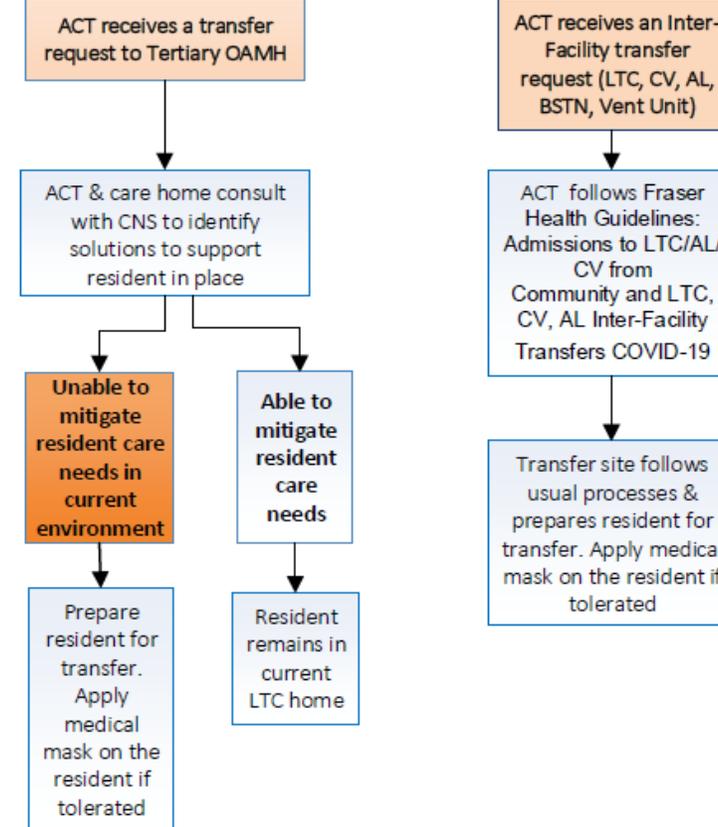
* MRP also refers to On-Call Designate

** Notify MRP if resident becomes symptomatic/ symptoms worsen

Urgent Transfers to Emergency Department and Return

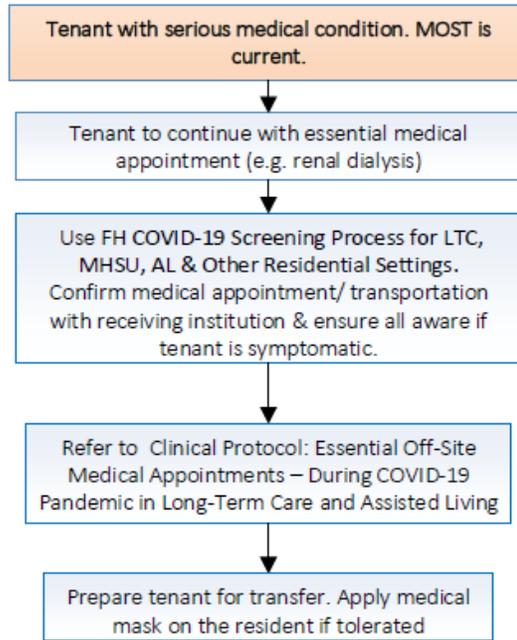


Inter-Facility Transfers



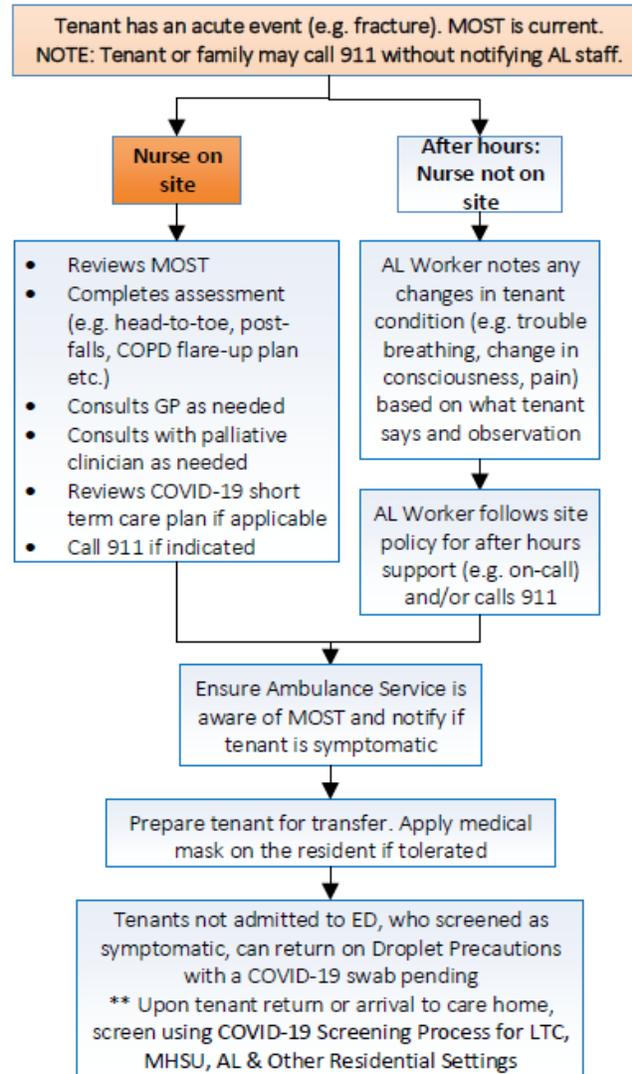
ASSISTED LIVING – Transfers of Tenants During COVID-19 Pandemic

Transfers for Essential Medical Appointments

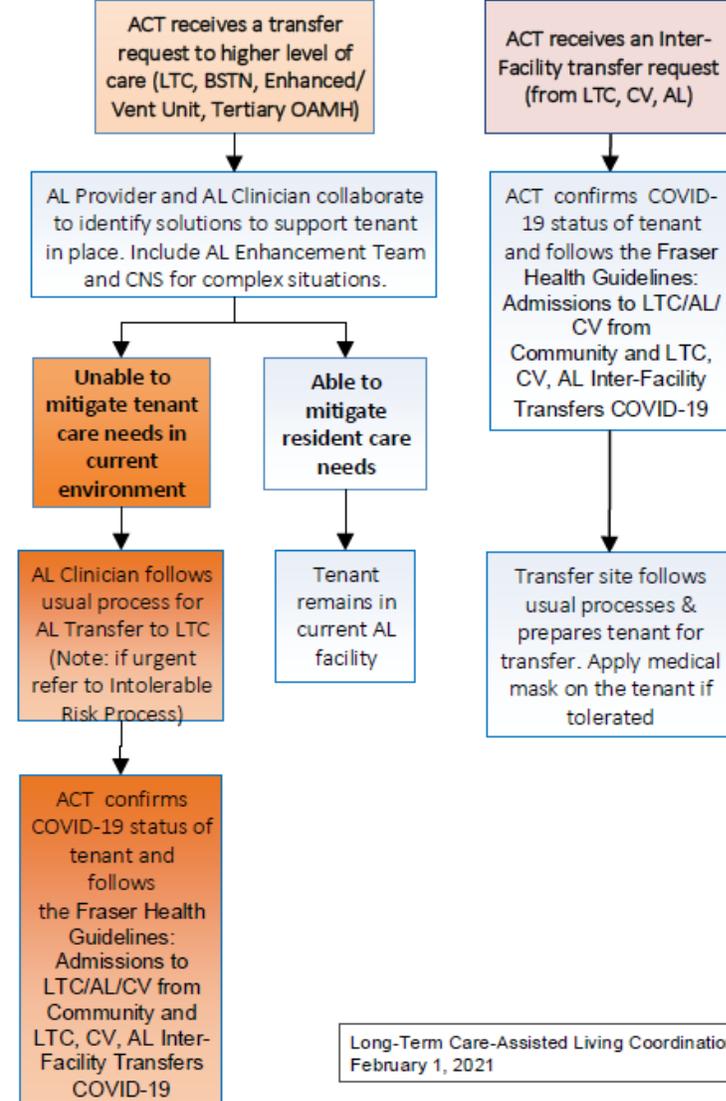


** Notify MRP if tenant becomes symptomatic/symptoms worsen

Urgent Transfers to Emergency Department and Return



Inter-Facility Transfers





Fraser Health Guidelines: Admissions to LTC/AL/CV from ACUTE CARE during COVID-19

Purpose:

This document provides guidance to Long-Term Care, Convalescent Care and Assisted Living providers (LTC, CV and AL) when accepting admissions, including new admissions, transfers from another LTC, CV, or AL site, and individuals returning from acute care. These guidelines are based on current directives from the Fraser Health Emergency Operations Centre and Medical Health Officers. However, they are subject to change in relation to new data, COVID-19 pandemic changes, hospital capacity and/or additional health orders.

Eligible patients/residents/tenants are to be offered the vaccine prior to admission/transfer, but it is **NOT** a requirement

Patients/residents/tenants **positive or previously positive**

Admission **may proceed:**

- Follow *Appendix 1: Recommendations to Transfer Patients from Acute Care to LTC/AL Units Based on COVID-19 Status*

Droplet precaution **only required** after transfer for those still infectious until they are cleared by public health

Patients/residents/tenants **not previously positive**

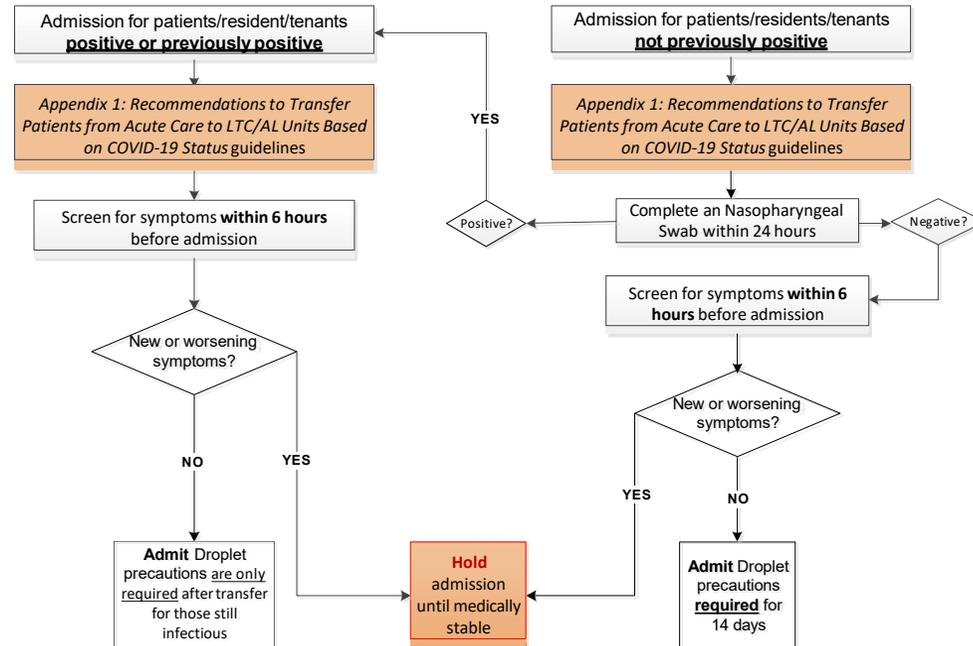
Admission **may proceed:**

- Follow *Appendix 1: Recommendations to Transfer Patients from Acute Care to LTC/AL Units Based on COVID-19 Status*

AND

- After one negative Nasopharyngeal Swab for COVID-19 24 hours prior to transfer (+/- 8 hours); within 48 hours of transfer is acceptable

Droplet precaution **required** for 14 days post transfer



Important Notes:

- Acute care COVID-19 Cohort Units are not considered to be an Outbreak Unit
- Approved by Public Health Medical Health Officers: Dr. Aamir Bharmal and Dr. Fernando MejiaMulet – Jan 3 2021
- Refer to LTC/CV/AL COVID-19 Resource Toolkit [LTC/AL COVID Toolkit](#)

Appendix 1: Recommendations to Transfer Patients from Acute Care to LTC/AL Units Based on COVID-19 Status

Status Acute Care Unit	Status LTC/AL Unit	Patient's COVID-19 status	Recommendation about transferring from Acute Care to LTC/AL units
OUTBREAK	OUTBREAK	POSITIVE	Can be transferred back to LTC/AL if patient is medically stable.
OUTBREAK	NO OUTBREAK	POSITIVE	Can be transferred back to LTC/AL if patient is medically stable and has 10 or more days since onset of symptoms/date of testing. If primary cause of admission was due to COVID-19, patient can be transferred back if is medically stable and has 20 or more days since onset of symptoms/date of testing.
NO OUTBREAK	OUTBREAK	POSITIVE	Can be transferred back to LTC/AL if patient is medically stable.
OUTBREAK	OUTBREAK	NEGATIVE	Patient cannot be transferred to LTC/AL until both outbreaks are declared over.
OUTBREAK	NO OUTBREAK	NEGATIVE	Patient cannot be transferred to LTC/AL until outbreak is declared over.
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NO OUTBREAK	NO OUTBREAK	NEGATIVE	Patient can be transferred to LTC/AL

LTC residents who are still infectious need to be isolated and on droplet precautions on transfer until they are cleared by public health.

Approved by Public Health Medical Health Officers: Dr. Aamir Bharmal and Dr. Fernando MejiaMulet
– Jan 3 2021.



Fraser Health Guidelines: Admissions to LTC/AL/CV from Community and LTC, CV, AL Inter-facility Transfers during COVID-19

Purpose:

This document provides guidance to Long-Term Care, Convalescent Care and Assisted Living providers (LTC, CV and AL) when accepting admissions from Community and LTC, CV, AL and Inter-Facility Transfers. These guidelines are based on current directives from the Fraser Health Emergency Operations Centre and Medical Health Officers. However, they are subject to change in relation to new data, COVID-19 pandemic changes and/or hospital capacity and/or additional health orders.

Eligible clients/residents/tenants are to be offered the vaccine prior to admission/transfer but it is **NOT** a requirement

Clients/residents/tenants **with** a previously positive COVID test

Admission/transfer **may proceed**:

- If medically stable and has 10 or more days since onset of symptoms/date of testing

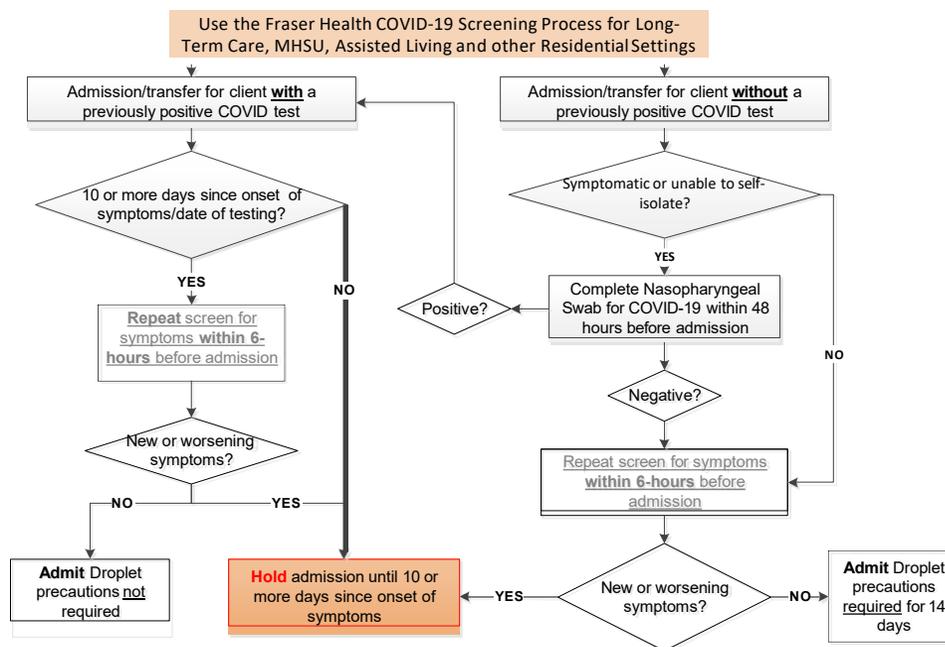
Droplet precautions **only required** after transfer for those still infectious until they are cleared by public health

Clients/residents/tenants **without** a previously positive COVID test

Admission/transfer **may proceed** for:

- Those who are asymptomatic and able to self-isolate
- Those who are symptomatic and those **unable** to self-isolate with **one negative** Nasopharyngeal Swab for COVID-19 within 48 hours prior to admission

Droplet precautions **required** for 14 days post transfer



IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. Admissions to and from LTC/CV/AL/IL in COVID-19 outbreak are postponed until the outbreak is over
2. Fraser Health COVID-19 Screening Process for Long-Term Care, MHSU, Assisted Living and other Residential Settings [LTC/AL COVID Toolkit](#)

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Information Session

February 2nd, 2021



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Application Process

Period 2:
Open Until \$3M
is Reached

Period 2		
Operator	"Up To" Amount	Per
Assisted Living (AL)	\$100	Unit
Long-Term Care (LTC)	\$150	Resident



Funding Process

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Funding Process



Proof of Payment Can Include:

- Invoices with zero balance and paid date from vendor
- Vendor date stamped invoices or receipts
- Vendor emails confirming dates of payment for the listed invoices
- Cheque images with clear dates of processing
- EFT statements with confirmation/processing numbers

What is Eligible for All Operators?



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Consumable & Non-Consumable Categories	
Personal Protective Equipment	Signage
Environmental Cleaning	Outbreak Carts and Caddies
Waste Management	Medical, Screening & Vital Sign Devices
Housekeeping & Laundry	Furniture & Accessories
Food Services	Storage & Spatial Separation
Hygiene	Respiratory
Resident Infection Prevention	Storage & Spatial Separation

Private funded homes can apply for Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) items up to the maximum eligible. Publicly funded homes can apply for either IPC, safety, or quality items up to the maximum eligible.

What is Eligible for Publicly Funded Operators?

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Safety Categories	Quality Categories
Mobility	Accessible Bus or Van
Prevention or Urgent Response	Specialized Chairs or Tables
Medical Devices	Exercise Equipment
Beds	Sensory Therapy
	Temperature Control
	Communication

Safety and quality items are available to publicly funded assisted living and long-term care homes primarily serving seniors.

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Learn More!

To learn more about EquipCare BC, including a link to the application form and a list of eligible IPC items, visit:

<https://bccare.ca/programs/equipcarebc/>

Questions?

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Q&A

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