

Updated Guidelines for Admissions from Acute and Community to Long-Term Care, Convalescent Care and Assisted Living

(Effective immediately)

What's Happening?

1. The Ministry of Health provided direction to **resume admissions** to long-term care (LTC), convalescent care (CV) and assisted living (AL) facilities **from community and inter-facility transfers** between publically funded LTC and AL facilities.
2. Admission from acute care guidelines and algorithms were updated to provide clarity around outbreak and non-outbreak scenarios.
3. A statement was added that the COVID-19 vaccination is not a requirement for admission.

The following Fraser Health Guidelines have been revised and are available in the [LTC-AL COVID-19 Resource Toolkit](#):

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

Why?

- Residents and tenants have been immunized with their first dose of vaccine and members of the community waiting for LTC/AL have also begun to be immunized.
- At the same time, the number of people in the community waiting for long term care has risen significantly, as has the number of vacant beds.
- The revised admission process will be more efficient as clarity was needed in terms of matching for outbreak and non-outbreak sites and the resident/tenant COVID-19 status.

How This May Affect You?

Please review the updated admission guidelines and algorithms. The most significant changes are as follows:

Acute Care Admission Algorithm:

- Included Appendix 1: Recommendations to Transfer Patients from Acute Care to LTC/AL Units Based on COVID-19 Status
- Streamlined processes for those:
 - who are currently testing positive for COVID-19;
 - who previously tested positive for COVID-19 and;
 - without a previously positive COVID-19 test

Community Admission Algorithm:

- Streamlined processes for those with and without a previously positive COVID-19 test

Questions?

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