

LTC/AL PROVIDERS COVID-19 TOWN HALL

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AGENDA 2:15PM – 3:00PM

- 1. Welcome & Introductions** – Alison Orr, LTC-AL Coordination Centre Director
- 2. Sharing stories of good news** – Alea Bever, Director, Clinical Operations Queen's Park Care Centre, Regional Rehabilitation Outpatient Screening
- 3. Vaccine Updates** – David Thompson, Advisor, Pandemic Planning
- 4. Saline Gargle Testing** – Susan Brown, LTC-AL Coordination Centre Manager & Meryl Salon, Clinical Nurse Educator, Assisted Living
- 5. Point Prevalence Testing Tools & Covid-19 Swabbing Process** – Meryl Salon, Clinical Nurse Educator, Assisted Living & Carmen Ng Senior Epidemiologist, Population & Public Health
- 6. Q & A via *Sli.do***

THINKING OUTSIDE INSIDE THE BOX

- In May 2020 the Site Space Committee in consultation with IPC sought approval for a solution to address isolation among LTC residents where inclement weather adversely affected physically separated window visits.
- The purchase and installation of the container were fully funded by a federal grant, facilitated by the Queen's Park Healthcare Foundation.

A ROOM WITH A VIEW

- The retrofitted container provides an opportunity for LTC residents to maintain their valuable in-person visits when inclement weather conditions are present.
- The visits last 25 minutes long with time between visits allowing for sanitization
- Currently, visiting opportunities are Monday to Friday.
- The maximum number of visitors is four (given space dimensions)
- Feedback has been positive!



COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATES

Thank you for your efforts to increase staff vaccination rates.

- Jan 25 - Have vaccinated 12,211 Residents and 11,672 Staff and Medical Staff and 1,149 Essential Visitors
- Adjusting plan due to vaccine supply changes
- Vaccinations for people awaiting admission to LTC in hospital and community
- Facility Medical Directors can assist if concerns about getting vaccinated

SALINE GARGLE TESTING

KYI distributed via LTC AL IL CC on Jan 21

- Use of saline gargle in LTC/AL outbreaks/settings is by exception
- Saline gargle should only be offered in exceptional circumstances where the resident/staff member would otherwise not get tested for COVID-19
- Supplies via Community Testing Assessment Centers

SALINE GARGLE TESTING EDUCATION & SUPPLY ACQUISITION

■ Saline Gargle skill:

- Link to video: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/testing/mouth-rinse-and-gargle>
- BCCDC skill

■ Saline gargle supplies: As per the KYI, supplies can be picked up from your local COVID testing site. Supplies needed are:

- Saline gargle kits
- 5mL saline squirters
- Biohazard bags (as needed)
- Absorbent pads for packaging (as needed)

POINT PREVALENCE TESTING

CARMEN NG, SENIOR EPIDEMIOLOGY

MERYL SALON, CLINICAL NURSE EDUCATOR (AL)

POINT PREVALENCE TESTING

1. New point prevalence testing (PPT) document has been added online to LTC-AL COVID-19 Toolkit
2. Overview of process and what to expect
3. Outlines documentation and reporting requirements
4. Checklist for preparing for PPT



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COVID-19 SWABBING UPDATES

■ **Goals:**

- Clarify and streamline processes for sending COVID-19 swabbing specimens
- Reduce delays in processing COVID-19 specimens
- Prevent invalid swabs coming back to providers

■ **Updates in COVID-19 Resource Toolkit:**

- Sample BCCDC Virology Requisitions
- Suspect COVID-19 (Non-Outbreak) Swabbing Checklist

■ **NEW:** COVID-19 specimens will be sent directly to Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre

■ **Coming Soon:** KYI and Webinar invites (Feb 1st, 3rd and 4th)

Q&A

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