

LTC/AL PROVIDERS COVID-19 TOWN HALL

JANUARY 26, 2021

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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.

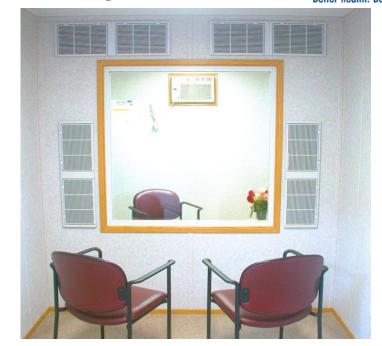


A ROOM WITH A VIEW

- The retrofitted container provides an opportunity for LTC residents to maintain their valuable inperson 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)



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