

Sent on behalf of the Fraser Health Long-Term Care and Assisted Living Coordination Centre

January 21, 2021

***ACTION REQUIRED* Pause on Essential Visitor Immunization Booking**

- Please pause booking any essential visitors until further notice.
- The Federal government announced yesterday, January 19, that Canada will not get a delivery from Pfizer next week as was the original plan. With this change in vaccine shipment, we have had to adjust our vaccine strategy.
- Due to this delay in vaccine shipment, we are temporarily pausing appointments for first dose COVID-19 vaccinations to essential visitors of long-term care and assisted living facilities. This ensures that we can continue to provide first doses to any remaining staff, medical staff, residents and tenants in long-term care and assisted living facilities, as well as second doses for those eligible starting at 35 days following their first dose.
- Essential visitors remain a high priority group to receive COVID-19 vaccination. Vaccination clinics for essential visitors will be announced as soon as we receive more COVID-19 vaccine.
- Thank you for your patience as we augment our strategy given this new development.

***NEW* Point Prevalence Testing Resource**

- An overview of the point prevalence testing process has been added to the LTC-AL COVID-19 Toolkit. Included is clarification of documentation and reporting and a checklist for preparing for point prevalence testing.
- Resource can be found in the LTC/AL COVID-19 Resource Toolkit [here](#)

***NEW* Proper Use of PPE Post-COVID Vaccines**

- Concerns have been raised by our outbreak management team that some site staff members have been observed to be lax on proper PPE usage after having had their COVID-19 vaccine
- As Site Leaders please remind clinical leadership and staff that continued proper PPE usage is maintained in sites regardless of the stage of immunization at this point.

***NEW* Immunizations for Community Clients Wait-listed for LTC or AL Admission**

- COVID-19 Immunizations for community clients wait-listed for Long-Term Care and Assisted Living will start on January 20th.
- Known LTC and AL clients currently in Acute Care will receive their 1st COVID-19 immunization prior to discharge back to their LTC/AL home when possible
- Long-Term Care and Assisted Living sites must accept all community clients regardless of their COVID-19 vaccination status as some clients will not be eligible/consent to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

- Clients' COVID-19 vaccine status will be communicated to the recipient Long-Term Care and Assisted Living site via the STRATA PATHWAYS system, with their immunization record attached to PARIS and faxed to the recipient site's Access Care and Transitions Coordinator.
- If you have any questions about this process, please contact your Access Care and Transitions Coordinator.

***NEW* Saline Gargle Testing**

- Please see attached KYI on the use of Saline Gargle Testing by exception in LTC/AL

***NEW* Town Hall**

- Attached is the agenda for January 26th Town Hall
- Attached is presentation from the January 19th Town Hall
- Q & A is available [here](#), unanswered questions from the Town Hall will be posted by Friday
- Thank you for your sli.do feedback on barriers to vaccinations. Your feedback was collated and provided to the Vaccination Coordination Team.