

July 28th, 2022

Sent on behalf of the Fraser Health Integrated Long-Term Care and Assisted Living Services

UPDATE Checklist for enhanced monitoring and outbreak for one (or more) positive COVID-19 resident case(s)

- New section added: **“Enhanced Monitoring with Additional Measures (no outbreak declared)”**.
- This includes additional measures added for when Public Health becomes involved to decrease transmission at the care home. This includes the possibility of **Quality Partner (QP)** support, as directed by Public Health.
- Added details to **“Site Coordination”** section. Sites are required to initiate meetings with site leadership and other external providers in the early detection of cases and to continue coordinating team meetings when measures are increased. Quality Partners and Public Health will no longer be initiating site meetings, TCONs, etc.
- Please see attached [checklist](#) available in the LTC/AL COVID-19 toolkit

UPDATE Swab testing/lab requisition process

- Sites are to revert to pre-pandemic guidance (refer to [Respiratory Illness Toolkit](#)) in regards to Most Responsible Physician (MRP) ordering information on lab requisitions and sending influenza/COVID-19 swabs for testing.
- Lab requisition and ordering physician/practitioner: sites are to no longer use Public Health (PH) Medical Health Officer (MHO) billing # on lab requisitions for swab samples, unless directed otherwise by Public Health. Please use the MRP/facility medical director or client’s physician for ordering, as per routine process.

NEW Train and retain your staff with the Supportive Care Assistant (SCA) program

- Your staff may be eligible to participate in the Supportive Care Assistant (SCA) program, offered by Vancouver Community College (VCC) in collaboration with BC Care Providers Association.
- This tuition-free, micro-credential program provides training for participants to take on non-clinical work within healthcare. Participants complete 6 weeks of online training and then a 280-hour paid work placement, which can be completed at your organization. The program starts September 6, 2022.
- For more information, please attend one of VCC’s upcoming information sessions on July 10 or August 9. For more information, please contact Lina Sehgal at lsehgal@vcc.ca.