

Sent on behalf of the Fraser Health Integrated Long-Term Care and Assisted Living Services June 23rd, 2022

***NEW* Long-term care site operational leaders: Oxygen cylinders – ACTION REQUIRED**

- In preparation for summer heat, Fraser Health and VitalAire are requesting your assistance with the retrieval of all full, partial, or empty portable oxygen cylinders **with the exception of 1-2 tanks that can be kept on hand for emergencies.**
- To assist with capturing data on the number of tanks ready for pickup at your site, please fill out this form: <https://SMU.checkbox.ca/O2tanks>.
- This information will be provided to VitalAire in order to start regular collection of all long-term care oxygen cylinders.
- A representative from VitalAire will connect with all sites to schedule a pickup from a designated pickup location.

***NEW* Assisted Living: Community Action and Resources Empowering Seniors (CARES) Social Prescribing - ACTION REQUIRED**

- Social Prescribing is a free service that connects seniors to local non-clinical community resources such as recreational programs, transportation, emotional support, and social activities.
- Pathwaysbc.ca is Divisions of Family Practice website where you can access information about social prescribing and other local community services.
- A login link and instructions on how to access Pathways has been sent to your site's email. Please refer to the attached list to see which email address the login information was sent to, then activate your Pathways account.
- Please distribute this login info to your Assisted Living community health nurse (CHN) and team members.
- If you have any questions, please kindly reach out to Dona Lajeunesse, Fraser Health regional social work educator with Assisted Living (dona.lajeunesse@fraserhealth.ca) or Margaret Lin, CARES Social Prescribing change lead (chenmei.lin@fraserhealth.ca).

***UPDATE* Suspect case, staff case, enhanced monitoring/outbreak checklists**

- PCR tests are no longer the preferred method of COVID-19 testing.
- Both PCR and rapid antigen test (RAT) are accepted method for testing residents.
- If a RAT is negative and symptoms persist, repeat test using PCR swab.
- Use RAT only to test for COVID-19. It will not pick up other respiratory viruses.
- For more information: [Outbreak or Enhanced Monitoring - Fraser Health Authority](#)

UPDATE Staff screening documents

- Please note the following documents have updated titles to include 'medical staff'. Additional changes include:

[Facility Entrance Screening Tool:](#)

- COVID-19 risk assessment table updated to two questions
- Updated guidelines if staff answered "yes" to question #2

[Staff and Medical Staff Screening Form](#)

- COVID-19 Risk assessment table updated to two questions.
- Updated guidelines if staff answered "yes" to question #2
- Updated to specify " long-term care/assisted living" mid-shift screening

[Staff and Medical Staff Screening Guidelines](#)

- Updated guidelines replaced "revised staff screening process" section with new table: "staff and medical staff screening requirements"
- Additions to service delivery area/setting column to include:
"convalescent care co-located within long-term care"
"community substance use services"
- Continue with active screening, however documentation of screening not required