

Fall COVID-19 Booster Doses for Long-Term Care and Assisted Living Residents, Tenants

What's happening?

- **Beginning September 19, COVID-19 (Omicron) bivalent booster doses are available to long-term care residents and assisted living tenants.**
- All residents and tenants in long-term care and assisted living will be offered a booster if it has been six months since their last dose.
- ImmsBC is to be used for all resident and tenant registration and vaccine administration for these doses.
- The identified vaccine for the booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine will be the Moderna Spikevax® Bivalent vaccine.
- The identified vaccine options for the primary series will remain as either Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty® COVID-19 vaccine or Moderna Spikevax® COVID-19 vaccine.
- The COVID vaccine and influenza vaccine can be given to residents and tenants at the same time.

What actions do I need to take?

- **To ensure COVID-19 vaccinations are kept up-to-date for all residents and tenants, all long-term care and assisted living sites must have a plan in place to ensure residents and tenants are offered vaccinations, and that each resident's vaccine series, as appropriate, is completed.**
- This includes ensuring residents and tenants and essential caregivers are registered with ImmsBC.
- If you have a pharmacy supporting your immunizations, please contact them to arrange dates for your clinic. If you have your own immunizers, please ensure they have completed the appropriate training and competency skills checklist and have ImmsBC access.
- Regardless of your clinic dates, please start gathering resident and tenant consent as soon as possible.
- **A PPO is not required for this dose. Physicians will need to submit an order, similar to the flu vaccine.**
- In preparation of your clinic day please complete a downtime eform for each resident. Downtime forms can be downloaded [here](#)
- Vaccine and supplies can be ordered [here](#).
- Fraser Health will be contacting you during the week of September 19 to confirm your immunization clinic dates.

Questions?

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