## **Communication Update**



Sept 14th, 2022

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

#### \*NEW \* September 19, 2022 - Day of Mourning

- The Federal and BC Provincial Governments are recognizing the day of Queen Elizabeth's funeral as an official one time public holiday as a day of mourning
- We know Providers have received messaging from BC Care Providers about recognizing this day as a holiday and Fraser Health is encouraging you to do so.
- All Health Authorities are awaiting clarification on the funding of this one time holiday from the Ministry
  of Health
- Fraser Health will send a confirmation of funding process, as we did with the Truth and Reconciliation Day Statutory Holiday, as soon as we receive this information

### \*NEW\* PHO Updated Mandatory Vaccination Orders

- See attached updates to Staff Mandatory Vaccination Orders as of Sept 12, 2022
  - 1. Residential Care COVID-19 Vaccination Status Information and Preventive Measures Order
  - 2. Hospital and Community (Health Care and Other Services) COVID-19 Vaccination Status Information and Preventive Measures Order
- The Ministry of Health has updated the orders to ensure alignment, consistency and clarity between the two orders. There are no substantive changes.
- The core approach remains the same mandatory vaccination for all staff, students, faculty and researchers who work in a care location, and maintaining the exemption process of allowing for applying for medical exemptions. No other exemptions are allowed.
- A few areas to note that have been changed are the following:
  - Strengthening with added rationale for only considering requests for exemptions based on medical deferral reasons
  - Delegations to medical health officers are removed as they are not formally involved in these processes
  - A new Part in the Residential Care order has been added regarding post-secondary institutions to align with the Hospital and Community order.

#### \*NEW\* Fraser Health Staff: Indigenous Cultural Safety (ICS) Learning Series - Truth and Reconciliation

- Indigenous Cultural Safety Speaker Series Truth and Reconciliation
- The Indigenous Cultural Safety Lunch & Learn series is an open and ongoing gathering for anyone
  interested in learning more about Indigenous history and culture.
- September 21, 2022 12 1 PM
- Register on the Learninghub