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

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

- The link to the downtime form in the KYI distributed on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 is now updated. Please find attached KYI.
- In preparation of your clinic day please complete a downtime eform for each resident. Downtime forms can be downloaded <u>here</u>

### \*NEW \* Update to COVID-19 testing

- On September 15, 2022, Fraser Health aligned COVID-19 testing with existing diagnostic processes and begin offering PCR tests to eligible clients through a requisition from their primary care provider.
- As a result, Fraser Health COVID-19 Testing and Immunization Centres and Urgent and Primary Care Centres will no longer offer COVID-19 testing services.
- Please see attached COVID-19 testing poster and KYI for more detail.

#### \*NEW \* Encouraging Staff Vaccination in your Workplace – INFORM study

- The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged British Columbia's long-term care sector in many ways.
- Research studies are providing opportunities to learn from these challenges and identify ways to strengthen long-term care.
- The INFORM Study team interviewed people in leadership roles in long-term care in the Fraser Health region to find out about the challenges and opportunities presented by encouraging staff vaccination during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Learnings from the study suggest six important questions that long-term care workplace leadership can ask themselves when trying to identify ways to encourage staff vaccination. These questions are also relevant for leadership in other similar care environments, such as assisted living.
- See attached posters for more detail.

### \*NEW \* Canadian Patient Safety Week 2022 – Press Play on Safety Conversation

- Canadian Patient Safety Week 2022 runs from October 24 to October 28, 2022, and the theme is "**Press play on Safety Conversations**."
- When we have safety conversations, it changes the way we think about safety. **Ask** questions, **listen**, and **act**. With health systems under strain, it's more important now than ever.
- Sign up to be on the email distribution list at SafetyConversations.ca and learn more about how you can get involved, and to receive helpful resources for improving healthcare quality and safety