Communication Update



March 30th, 2023

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

NEW *Spring COVID-19 Booster Doses for Long-Term Care Residents*

- Beginning April 24, bivalent COVID-19 booster doses will be available to long-term care residents.
- All residents in long-term care will be offered a booster once it has been six months since their last dose. ImmsBC is to be used for all resident registration and vaccine administration for these doses.
- The identified vaccine for the booster dose will be either the Moderna Spikevax bivalent vaccine or the Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty bivalent vaccine. The identified vaccine options for the primary series will remain as either the Moderna Spikevax vaccine or the Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty bivalent vaccine.
- Regardless of your clinic dates, please start gathering consents from residents and tenants as soon as possible.
- Please see attached KYI for more information
- For any additional questions please contact Denise Thandi, Coordinator, Special Projects & Initiatives at denise.thandi1@fraserhealth.ca

NEW Role Delineation within the Quality Partners team

- As of April 1st Glen Ang, will be the sole Quality Partner to review all affiliate care community reportable Incident Forms (RIF) and when requested, partnering with Licensing on clinical aspects and questions arising from Licensing investigations.
- All other quality partners will be responsible for quality assurance reviews, quarterly care community connections, quality improvement support and general quality related questions and needs
- There will be no process change required for care communities
- For any related questions please email: <u>Samantha.Stevens@fraserhealth.ca</u>

Reminder * Weekly LTC/AL Communication updates storage & access

- The LTC/AL COVID-19 Toolkit will be decommissioned by March 31st, 2023.
- Please use the RI toolkit for guidance, tools and preventative measures for all viral respiratory illnesses including COVID 19, influenza, and non influenza/ COVID 19 viral respiratory outbreaks.
- The new location to access our LTC/AL communication updates are in the LTC/AL resources page: Recent Email updates