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Memorandum

To Residents, Families and Friends
From Bhavan Manhas, Program Director, Long-term Care and Assisted Living
Date October 8, 2021
Re. **INFORMATION BULLETIN: UPDATE FOR LONG-TERM CARE**

COVID-19 BOOSTER DOSE IMMUNIZATION CAMPAIGN IN LONG-TERM CARE AND ASSISTED LIVING

Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry recently announced that COVID-19 booster vaccinations will be offered to eligible residents and tenants of long-term care and assisted living facilities in British Columbia. Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) and Providence Health Care (PHC) will begin working with care facilities next week, and we expect the campaign to run through the month of October. Residents, tenants and families will receive the schedule for their facility soon.

The booster campaign will be using the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines. You can find information about the vaccines at the Government of Canada website [here](#). The booster dose is safe and highly recommended.

Residents and tenants who received two doses will automatically be offered the booster dose. Please let your facility know if you or your family member is not interested in receiving this dose.

COVID-19 vaccine and influenza vaccine can be given at the same visit or two different visits.

If you or your family member have not had the opportunity to start the COVID-19 vaccine series, we highly recommend that you consider getting started now. Please let your care facility know as soon as possible.

For general information about COVID-19 vaccination, please visit the BC CDC website [here](#).

We appreciate your understanding and support as we complete the vaccination campaign.

Learn more:

- To register to be immunized or to learn about getting your second dose, visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated.html>
- Or <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/dose-2>
- To learn about BC's Restart plan, visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid19/info/restart>
- For the updated guidance for long-term care and seniors' assisted living facilities, visit [BC Centre for Disease Control's website](#).
- Residents of our long-term care facilities and their families can find [more information here](#).

Sites: St. Paul's Hospital | Holy Family Hospital | Mount Saint Joseph Hospital | Youville Residence | St. John Hospice
St. Vincent's: Brock Fahmi, Langara, Honoria Conway - Heather | Crosstown Clinic

Community Dialysis Clinics: Sechelt | Richmond | Powell River | Squamish | North Shore | Vancouver | East Vancouver

