

December 23, 2021

Dear Providence Health Care Long Term Care Families and Friends,

**Dr. Bonnie Henry and BC Health Minister Adrian Dix announced new additional safety measures and PHO relating to the public.** These new measures took effect yesterday, Wednesday December 22, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. We want to assure residents and families that we are implementing all new measures to ensure continued safety for residents.

As part of our commitment to ensure the safety of all that live, work and visit our homes, we have offered Covid-19 vaccine booster shots to all residents and staff; we have stepped up our infection control protocols; and we are enhancing screening and testing of everyone who enters our homes.

As the province expands their efforts in response to the Omicron variant we encourage all visitors to LTC to register for their booster in the [Get Vaccinated system](#).

[Click here](#) for more information about boosters in BC.

With regards to specific care home measures, effective immediately, **we request all visitors to Long Term Care and Assisted Living facilities undergo rapid antigen testing (RAT)** as an added measure to protect our residents from the growing prevalence of COVID-19. At this time, this measure is not mandatory, but strongly recommended for resident and staff safety.

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we undertake these activities. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above.

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