

April 6, 2022

Re: COVID-19 spring booster vaccine clinics in long-term care and assisted living

Dear family members and caregivers,

Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry has recently announced that COVID-19 booster vaccines will be offered to all long-term care residents and assisted living tenants, six months after the date of their first booster, as part of a spring booster vaccine program. The spring booster vaccine program will help to maintain and lengthen protection against severe outcomes of COVID-19.

Fraser Health will be connecting with care homes this week about their spring booster clinics. We expect clinics to run throughout the month of April.

The care home will be seeking consent from residents, family members, or substitute decision makers (as applicable) for COVID-19 boosters.

Pfizer and Moderna are the COVID-19 vaccines offered for the spring booster vaccine program; both are safe and effective to receive as a booster. You can find information about the vaccines on the <u>BC Centre for Disease Control website, bccdc.ca</u>.

If your family member has not had the opportunity to start the COVID-19 vaccine series and is interested in doing so, please let their care home know as soon as possible.

For general information about COVID-19 vaccines, please visit the BCCDC website.

Thank you,

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