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

Dear residents and tenants,

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.

Your care home will confirm when you'll be able to receive your COVID-19 booster vaccine very soon and staff will obtain your consent before you are provided a booster shot.

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 BC Centre for Disease Control website, bccdc.ca.

If you have not received your COVID-19 vaccine series and are interested in doing so, please let your care home know as soon as possible.

Thank you,

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