



Thursday, October 7, 2021

Dear Maplewood House and MSA Manor Family member,

At this time of year, when we are reminded that we have many things to be thankful for, we wanted to thank you for entrusting your loved ones in our care. Over the last year and a half, there have been many changes to the way we manage care in our care homes; we are grateful for the partnership of our residents, families and friends. Happy Thanksgiving!



Recently, Fraser Health made a few announcements regarding the influenza vaccines and COVID booster shots. The date has yet to be determined for residents to receive these vaccines. We will be working with Fraser Health and Apex Pharmacy to deliver the vaccines, and we will call all family members to confirm their wishes. Please see attached letter from Fraser Health.

The COVID vaccine will be the Moderna vaccine. For further information, please visit: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine/vaccines-for-covid-19>

In the coming days, additional information will be shared regarding the announcement made by Dr. Bonnie Henry that all visitors will be required to be fully immunized. Until we have further clarification from Fraser Health, we will continue with visits as they are.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. khomfeld@maplewood.bc.ca or 604-870-7560.

Sincerely,

Krista Homfeld



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Best in health care.

October 6, 2021

Re: Third dose COVID-19 vaccine clinics in long-term care and assisted living

Dear family members and caregivers,

Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry has recently announced that third doses of COVID-19 vaccines will be offered to residents and tenants of long-term care and assisted living facilities in British Columbia.

Fraser Health will begin working with care facilities this week, and expect the clinics to run throughout the month of October. You will receive the clinic schedule for your family member's facility soon.

If your family member received two doses, the care facility will be seeking consent from the resident/tenant or substitute decision-maker for administration of the third dose.

We will be offering the Moderna vaccine for third doses. If your family member received the Pfizer vaccine for their first or second dose, it is safe and effective for them to receive Moderna for their third dose. You can find information about the Moderna vaccine on the [BCCDC website](#).

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 facility know as soon as possible.

Residents may be offered the seasonal flu vaccine at the same time as their third dose. Your family member can receive a third COVID-19 vaccine and a seasonal flu vaccine at the same time with no ill effects.

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

Thank you,

Suzanne Fox, Executive Director
Integrated Long-Term Care & Assisted Living Services

