

October 6, 2021

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

Dear residents and tenants,

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. Your care facility will confirm the schedule soon.

If you have received two doses of COVID-19 vaccine, we will seek written consent from you before we provide you a third dose.

The Moderna vaccine will be provided for third doses. If you received the Pfizer vaccine for your first or second dose, it is safe and effective to receive Moderna for your third dose. You can find information about the Moderna vaccine on the <u>BCCDC website</u>.

If you have not had the opportunity to start the COVID-19 vaccine series and are interested in doing so, please let your care facility know as soon as possible.

You may be offered the seasonal flu vaccine at the same time as your third dose. Your third dose of COVID-19 vaccine can be administered at the same time as your seasonal flu vaccine with no ill effects.

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

Thank you,

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