

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

COVID-19 booster dose immunization campaign in long-term care and assisted living

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To: Family members and caregivers of people living in Long Term Care and Assisted Living

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Dear family members and caregivers,

Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry has recently announced that COVID-19 booster vaccinations will be offered to eligible residents and tenants of long-term care and assisted living facilities in British Columbia. Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) will begin working with care facilities next week, and we expect the campaign to run through the month of October. You will receive the schedule for family members' facility soon.

The booster campaign will be using the Moderna vaccine. You can find information about the Moderna vaccine at the BC CDC website [here](#). The booster dose is safe and highly recommended.

If your family member received two doses, we will automatically offer them the booster dose. Please let your facility know if your family member is not interested in receiving this dose.

COVID-19 vaccine and influenza vaccine can be given at the same visit or two different visits.

If you or your family member have not had the opportunity to start the COVID-19 vaccine series, we highly recommend that you consider getting started now. Please let your care facility know as soon as possible.

For general information about COVID-19 vaccination, please visit the BC CDC website [here](#).

We appreciate your understanding and support as we complete the vaccination campaign.