

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

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

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To: Residents and tenants of Long Term Care and Assisted Living
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Dear residents and tenants,

Thank you for your support and feedback as we plan the COVID-19 booster vaccinations being offered to eligible residents and tenants of long-term care and assisted living facilities in British Columbia.

We communicated last week that the province had recommended Moderna Spikevax as the vaccine for the booster dose campaign

We have heard from some of you who received the Pfizer vaccine for your initial series that you would prefer to receive Pfizer for your booster as well. You will be pleased to know that we are now able to offer this option. Please tell your facility as soon as possible whether you will be choosing the Moderna vaccine, or if you are requesting Pfizer.

Though the booster dose is recommended to be administered at six months after the primary series has been completed, it can be given as early as 28 days after dose 2. This means that many of you can receive the booster dose as part of this campaign.

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

If you 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 patience, understanding and support as we complete the vaccination campaign.