

## Long-Term Care Facility Pre-Season Planning for the Management of Viral Respiratory Illness (VRI)

Home	2024/25 Season		
Action	Done	Initials	Comments
<b>1. Identify a Viral Respiratory Illness (VRI) Lead:</b> Name: _____ Contact #: _____			
<b>2. Verify contact information for Public Health and IPAC Practitioner</b> <b>Public Health Contact Details</b> (up-to-date for 2024-2025): Email (preferred): <a href="mailto:MHOandCDNurseOnCall@vch.ca">MHOandCDNurseOnCall@vch.ca</a> Phone: 604-675-3900 <b>IPAC Practitioner Contact Details:</b> Email: <a href="mailto:ICP-LTC@vch.ca">ICP-LTC@vch.ca</a> Name: _____ Phone: _____			
<b>3. Communication tool</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify outbreak lead for the site and administrative support. Identify key people and their phone numbers for notification in the event of an outbreak in your facility (e.g., Director of Care, Pharmacy, Physician in Charge, Resident's physician, Administration)</li> <li>Update the <a href="#">Outbreak Management team</a> (OMT) template.</li> <li>Share a copy with the ICP covering your home</li> </ul>			
<b>4. Prepare for antivirals for influenza and treatment COVID-19</b>			
<b>a) For influenza treatment and prophylaxis OSELTAMIVIR (Tamiflu):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update pre-printed Physician Pre-printed Orders for Vaccines &amp; Tamiflu.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coastal Community of Care                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">ORDERS INFLUENZA OUTBREAK ORDERS ADULT</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>Richmond                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">INFLUENZA OUTBREAK ORDERS: ADULTS</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>Vancouver                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Influenza Outbreak Orders - 708 (2 part carbon) (Oct 2019) (vch.ca)</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>Include medical contraindications to the above. (Residents who have received treatment dose will not need prophylaxis after</li> </ul>			

completion of treatment)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide your pharmacy with the weights, ages, gender, and serum creatinine levels for all residents for calculation of Tamiflu dosage</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-arrange with your pharmacy to obtain antiviral medication in a timely fashion, in preparation for an outbreak</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">New STANDARD OUT-PATIENT LABORATORY REQUISITION</a></li> <li><a href="#">New Staff Vaccine Reporting Requirements</a></li> <li><a href="#">Recommended vaccines for health care workers</a></li> </ul>			
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare <a href="#">staff influenza prophylaxis letter</a></li> <li>Antiviral prophylaxis (Oseltamivir) should be offered to unimmunized staff who may be at high risk of influenza complications due to their <a href="#">underlying chronic health conditions</a></li> <li>Oseltamivir is recommended until the outbreak is declared over or until it has been 14 days since influenza vaccination, whichever is sooner.</li> </ul>			
<b>b) For COVID-19:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MRP to assess residents if Paxlovid treatment criteria met based on <a href="#">(PaxlovidTM) 5-Day Treatment Pack Prescription</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resource link for Paxlovid: <a href="#">Memo PaxlovidandTherapeuticUpdate_May29_2024.pdf (bccdc.ca)</a></li> <li>Order sets for COVID Vaccine: <a href="#">COVID-19 Vaccine Assessment and Orders (Long-Term Care) (Regional) - 1138 (Sep 2024) (vch.ca)</a></li> </ul> </li> <li><a href="#">COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Guide SOP</a></li> <li>Administer fall COVID-19 KP.2 vaccine using product available.</li> <li>Interval from COVID-19 infection: 3-6 months (though safe to administer at any time following recovery from infection)</li> <li>Interval from last COVID-19 vaccine dose: 6 months (with a minimum interval of 3 months that can be used for operational reasons).</li> <li>Co-administration of COVID-19 and influenza vaccines are recommended.</li> </ul>			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare for the respiratory virus season by identifying patients who qualify for treatment for COVID and obtain Vaccine Assessment and Orders</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Obtain renal function and plan how to manage any drug-drug interactions for those eligible for antiviral therapy.</li> </ul>			
<p><b>5. Prepare for the administration of influenza, pneumococcal, and COVID-19 vaccines.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Influenza Vaccine</b> is on the Long Term Care Short Order: <a href="#">Long Term Care Short Term Orders - 1236 (dbl sd pg 1-1A) (Aug 2024) DRAFT (15AUG24) (vch.ca)</a></li> <li><b>COVID-19 Vaccine</b> has a separate PPO: <a href="#">COVID-19 Vaccine Assessment and Orders (Long-Term Care) (Regional) - 1138 (Sep 2024) (vch.ca)</a></li> <li><b>Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine:</b> <a href="#">Assessment of Pneumococcal Polysaccharide (23 Valent) Immunization Order - 672 (2 part carbon) (dbl sd pg 1-1A) (vch.ca)</a></li> <li><b>Pneumococcal Conjugated Vaccine:</b> <a href="#">Assessment of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (Prevnar 13) Immunization Order - 847 (2 prt carb) (dbl sd pg 1-1A) (Apr 2019) (vch.ca)</a></li> </ul>			
<p><b>a) Influenza</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>REVIEW Nurse Immunizer status and requirements regarding nurse immunizer for staff immunization-including <a href="#">Peer Nurse Immunizer Program</a></li> <li>Additional educational resource <a href="#">BCCDC Influenza Immunization Competency Course: Foundations of InfluenzaDisease &amp; Vaccines</a></li> </ul>			
<p><b>b) Vaccine allocation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Health will contact LTCFs by phone to schedule a date for vaccine delivery.</li> <li>VanCity courier will be delivering influenza vaccine directly to the LTCs in Vancouver and North Vancouver</li> </ul>			
<b>Action</b>	<b>Done</b>	<b>Initials</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administer influenza vaccine annually to ALL residents, new admissions, staff, physicians, and volunteers who work in the facility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please refer to <a href="#">BCCDC Immunization Manual Biological Products</a> webpage</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep a record of the immunization status of the residents/staff/physicians/volunteers that is easily accessible by the nursing/medical staff at all times.</li> </ul>			
<p><b>b) Pneumococcal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administer pneumococcal vaccine to all residents</li> <li>This vaccine is given once and can be given at any time during the year.</li> </ul>			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note: a <b>once only re-vaccination</b> should be offered 5 years after initial immunization to those with certain medical risk factors. Please refer to <a href="#">BCCDC Immunization Manual Pneumococcal Polysaccharide</a></li> <li>If vaccine history is not available, immunize with pneumococcal vaccine</li> </ul>			
<b>6. Review stock of PPE supplies</b> required for the facility and <b>order additional supplies</b> as necessary. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Owned and operated sites to order through ePro</li> <li>Contracted/private sites through their regular supply process</li> </ul>			
<b>7. Review supplies required for residents on precautions,</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure sites have closed PPE carts, over bed tables, signage printed and laminated or on wipe able paper, in room garbage/ linen/personal laundry hampers, utility tables.</li> <li>Ensure the supplies are on site and accessible.</li> <li>Develop a process for ensuring supplies available and reorder as necessary.</li> </ul>			
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<b>8. Ensure you have up to date fit tested staff.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you have symptomatic or positive residents that are on CPAP or BiPAP. Annual fit testing is required.</li> <li>Identify residents on CPAP and BIPAP and have a care plan in place in the event the resident developed a viral respiratory illness during VRI season.</li> <li>Consider having a plan for residents with CPAP and BiPAP.</li> </ul> <b>Resources for fit testing:</b> <b>Owned and Operated:</b> <a href="#">VCH Intranet</a> <b>Contracted and Private:</b> <a href="#">Safe Care BC</a>			
<b>9. Review stock of outbreak specimen kits/nasopharyngeal swabs/TDG supplies</b> and monitor expiry dates. To order swab kits, use the <a href="#">PHSA Sample Container Order Form</a> and email <a href="mailto:kitorders@hssbc.ca">kitorders@hssbc.ca</a> or fax 604-707-2606. Call PHSA CDC Receiving at 604-707-2507 for more information. Owned and operated site can order through E-Pro: Order # 00090607 Microbio UTM 2 ml mini tube + nasopharyngeal flocced swab. Establish a process for restocking swabs and identify who is responsible. Ensure there are supplies to comply with <a href="#">Transportation of dangerous goods (vch.ca)</a> requirements. Supplies for TDG			

<p>For Owned sites DG packaging can also be purchased through PeopleSoft (eProcurement): VCH # 00023292, item description: CONTAINER TRANSPORT SAF-T-PAK</p> <p>For contracted and private sites: <a href="https://upwardpackaging.com/un-packaging/biological-packaging">https://upwardpackaging.com/un-packaging/biological-packaging</a> <a href="https://www.uline.ca/BL_5312/Biological-Substance-Shipper">https://www.uline.ca/BL_5312/Biological-Substance-Shipper</a></p>			
<p><b>10. Review the Public health and infection Prevention and Control information with staff. Develop a binder for frontline staff with all the relevant information.</b> Documents to review include, but are not restricted to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Review Toolkits:</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <a href="#">Viral Respiratory Illness LTC:</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LTC Leadership Viral Respiratory Illness (VRI) Toolkit *Assisted Living Attached to a LTC Site</li> <li>• LTC Frontline Staff Viral Respiratory Illness (VRI) Toolkit* Assisted Living Sites Attached to LTC</li> <li>• Stand Alone Assisted Living Viral Respiratory Illness (VRI) Toolkit</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Viral Gastrointestinal Illness LTC:</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LTC Frontline Staff Viral Gastrointestinal (VGI) Toolkit *Assisted Living Attached to a LTC Site</li> <li>• LTC Leadership Viral Gastrointestinal (VGI) Toolkit *Assisted Living Attached to a LTC Site</li> <li>• Stand Alone Assisted Living Viral Gastrointestinal (VGI) Toolkit</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Complete the leaning hub annually: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Infection Prevention and Control Basics for Health CareWorkers in Patient Care Areas and/or Direct Care Roles</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Point-of-Care Risk Assessment</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Point-of-Care Risk Assessment, do I need PPE?</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Point-of-Care Infographic</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">How to Hand Wash Video</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Hand Hygiene Using ABHR Video</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Donning video</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Doffing video</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Available education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Hand Hygiene Training Video</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• See website for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Line list Education 2024/25</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outbreak Education 2024/25</li><li>• Declutter units and rooms</li></ul>			
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