

Sent on behalf of the Fraser Health Long-Term Care and Assisted Living Coordination Centre

November 6, 2020

***NEW Ministry of Health Policy* Mask Use in Health Care Facilities**

- The introduction of this policy is focused on the protection of patients, clients, clinicians, health care workers, non-clinical staff and the public
- Outlines provincial expectations for the use of face masks in all health care facilities, programs and services, including community physician offices and outpatient clinics during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- It is a requirement for all LTC/AL sites to provide a medical mask to all persons coming in to the site
- Fraser Health will continue to support the procurement and provision of PPE to all LTC/AL sites
- Please see *attached* documents from the Ministry of Health

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November 12, 2020

***Important* Clarification on Mask Use in LTC & AL**

Environment	Used By	Work Environment	Type of Mask
Long-Term Care/Seniors Assisted Living Settings	Health care workers and non-clinical staff	All areas, including common areas and break rooms unless eating	A surgical/procedure mask must be worn at all times
	Visitors	All areas	A surgical/procedure mask must be worn at all times

- **The policy does NOT require that all residents in LTC/AL wear a mask within the facility**
- Residents who are required to wear a mask for reasons such as patient transport, medical appointment or other circumstances as directed by Medical Health Officer, should wear a medical grade mask, provided by the site
- **Visitors to LTC/AL are now required to wear a medical grade mask** and this should be provided by the site
- *Note this policy does NOT apply to Independent Living (IL) unless the IL site is intermingled with assisted living
- The policy is attached again (*this version is the same but on a BCCDC/Ministry of Health template*)

***Important* Town Hall on November 17th**

- The focus is **Infection Prevention and Control best practices** for outbreak prevention
- In addition, we will introduce **Dr. Anthony Tran and the Physician Task Group**
- See calendar invite for call in details

Town Hall on November 3rd

- Attached are minutes and Q&A from the previous town hall

***New* Exemption to Federal Quarantine Act**

- See KYI and Guideline on direction for exemption from quarantine for compassionate visits
- This applies to LTC, AL and IL

