

For Better Retirement Living



October 20, 2021

Dear Augustine House Community,

Tuesday was an exciting day. Augustine House hosted our Covid-19 vaccine booster clinic for Residents. We would like to thank Fraser health and the Ministry of Health for working with us in our goal to keep everyone at Augustine House as safe and well as we are able. We will be holding our Resident influenza immunization clinic on Thursday, October 21st.

As you are aware, on October 12th, 2021, the Provincial Health Officer and the Minister of Health announced details on updated requirements for visitation in long-term care and seniors' assisted living facilities. In recognition of the added layer of protection provided by the COVID-19 vaccines and given the vulnerability of residents in long-term care and seniors' assisted living even when fully immunized themselves, all visitors (both essential and social) are required to be vaccinated against COVID-19, excluding young children ineligible for vaccination or those with an approved medical exemption. Proof of vaccination (e.g. [BC Vaccine Card](#) or equivalent) is required prior to entering or passing through the facility. These details have been updated to the following:

Effective October 12, 2021:

- Visitors are required to show proof of vaccination prior to entry, including if only to pass through the facility to access an outdoor space;
- Visitors who do not demonstrate that they are either partially or fully vaccinated will not be able to enter a facility (excluding young children under the age of vaccine eligibility or those with an approved medical exemption);
- Partially or unvaccinated visitors must adhere to all required preventative measures including wearing a medical mask for the duration of the visit.

Effective October 26, 2021:

- Visitors must demonstrate they are fully vaccinated to enter a facility (excluding young children under the age of vaccine eligibility or those with an approved medical exemption).

Visitors continue to be required to wear masks while travelling through common areas and are not permitted to visit in common areas.

Exceptions regarding vaccination status in circumstances related to compassionate care such as end-of life visits will be considered on an individual basis for partially or unvaccinated individuals. Additional information regarding visitation, including proof of vaccination

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requirements, in long-term care and seniors' assisted living facilities can be found through the [BC Centre for Disease Control – Long-Term Care and Assisted Living](#).

Thank you for working with us to ensure the health and safety of our community at Augustine House.

Yours,
Jackie Reiners
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Augustine House.