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Important Notice

COVID-19 Update 3rd Dose Vaccine

August 24, 2021

Hello Residents, Family and Friends of Grandview Lodge,

We are sharing the following information in follow-up to the government's August 17, 2021 announcement about third doses of the COVID-19 vaccine for residents in higher-risk congregate settings, including long-term care (LTC) homes and higher-risk licensed retirement homes. Please note that this is the only information we have at this time and we will continue to update you as we know more.

Based on the recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and health experts, the province will begin offering third doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to those at highest risk, providing them with an extra layer of protection against the Delta variant, as we face the fourth wave of the pandemic.

Residents of LTC homes and higher-risk licensed retirement homes will be eligible to receive their third dose at least five months following their second dose. Residents will receive their third dose in their residence, either within the home or through a mobile clinic.

Grandview Lodge will be working under the direction of our local Public Health Unit (PHU) with a goal to independently administer COVID-19 vaccines and begin working on administering third doses to residents as soon as possible.

The PHU and Grandview Lodge will work together to include staff, student placements, volunteers and caregivers for first and second doses when administering resident third doses.

Included below are supporting materials for ease of reference, as well as the updated consent form and information sheet.

An updated consent form must be completed prior to administering a third dose. Grandview Lodge will gather consent forms from residents (or their substitute decision-maker), even if a date for vaccination has not been set.

As part of our efforts to continue supporting our residents and staff in a safe work environment, we wish to thank you for your ongoing support and consent toward an impactful vaccination program. We trust in your continued collaboration to ensure a successful third dose campaign.



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Link to COVID-19 Vaccine Information Sheet

[https://ltchomes.net/LTCHPORTAL/Content/Snippets/5.%20Updated%20COVID-19%20Vaccine%20Information%20Sheet%20\(English\).pdf](https://ltchomes.net/LTCHPORTAL/Content/Snippets/5.%20Updated%20COVID-19%20Vaccine%20Information%20Sheet%20(English).pdf)

Link to Third Dose Consent form

[https://ltchomes.net/LTCHPORTAL/Content/Snippets/3.%20Updated%20COVID-19%20Vaccine%20Consent%20Form%20\(English\).pdf](https://ltchomes.net/LTCHPORTAL/Content/Snippets/3.%20Updated%20COVID-19%20Vaccine%20Consent%20Form%20(English).pdf)

Third Doses of COVID-19 Vaccine for Long-Term Care Home and Higher Risk

Licensed Retirement Home Residents

August 23, 2021

FAQs

1. Who is eligible for a third dose?

As announced on August 17, 2021, residents in high-risk congregate settings (i.e. Long-term Care (LTC) homes and higher-risk licensed retirement homes) are eligible for a third dose, as well as individuals who are severely immuno-compromised.

2. After what interval of time following a second dose are residents of LTC homes and higher risk licensed retirement homes eligible for a third dose?

Residents of LTC homes and higher-risk licensed retirement homes will be eligible to receive their third dose at least five months after their second dose. There is no upper limit to the dosing interval for third doses.

3. Which licensed retirement homes are considered “higher-risk”?

Licensed retirement homes that are co-located with long-term care homes or provide dementia care services are considered higher-risk.

4. Which vaccine should residents of LTC homes and higher-risk licensed retirement homes be receiving for their third dose?

If readily available, third doses should be the same product as second doses, but the mRNA vaccines can be interchanged if needed for operational reasons.



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5. Why do residents of LTC homes and higher-risk licensed retirement homes need a third dose?

Based on the recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and health experts, the province will begin offering third doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to those at highest risk, providing them with an extra layer of protection against the Delta variant in light of evidence that shows the immune response in long-term care home residents wanes several months after receiving two COVID-19 vaccine doses. This includes LTC homes and higher-risk licensed retirement homes to ensure the safety of senior populations in higher-risk congregate settings.

6. Are LTC home and higher-risk licensed retirement home staff or essential caregivers that are seniors eligible for a third dose? What about residents in other licensed retirement homes who are immunocompromised?

Only residents of LTC homes and higher-risk licensed retirement homes are eligible for a third dose at this time, unless the staff person, essential caregiver, or resident of a licensed retirement home (not deemed to be higher risk retirement home) is eligible as a result of being severely immunocompromised. The evidence does not currently support or warrant third doses in the general population.

7. Who is administering third doses for LTC home and higher-risk licensed retirement home residents?

PHUs should work collaboratively with LTC homes and higher-risk licensed retirement homes to set up operators for independent administration of COVID-19 vaccines where such capacity exists. Where independent administration by the home is not possible, PHUs are responsible for identifying the approach for administering third doses in homes (e.g. through the use of mobile teams). Third doses can start being administered as soon as the home, PHU or mobile clinic is ready.

8. Can the flu vaccine be given at the same time as the COVID-19 vaccine?

No, the flu vaccine and COVID-19 vaccine cannot be administered at the same time. If a person receives a COVID-19 vaccine, four weeks must lapse before a flu vaccine is administered. If a person receives a flu vaccine, two weeks must lapse before a COVID-19 vaccine is administered. This is to ensure that any possible side effects from the COVID-19 vaccine can be monitored and assessed appropriately.

9. Are patients designated Alternate Level of Care (ALC) who are waiting to be transferred to LTC homes eligible for a third dose?

Yes, patients designated ALC that are waiting to be transferred to LTC homes are eligible for a third dose and can receive their dose from the hospital. In addition, patients designated ALC who are



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waiting to be transferred to a LTC home from any licensed retirement home (i.e. the retirement home does not need to be deemed higher risk) are also eligible for a third dose.

10. Are seniors living in Assisted Living facilities eligible for a third dose?

Yes, seniors living in assisted living facilities co-located with a LTC home are eligible for a third dose.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

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