

Fall Updates

Ministry of Long-Term Care

Ontario 

Information Session for Residents, Families, and Caregivers

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Why are we here today?

- Explain changes being made in long-term care as part of the Plan to Stay Open: Health System Stability and Recovery
- Provide updates about COVID-19 vaccines in long-term care homes
- Explain what enhanced supports are available for residents and homes
- Talk about what “providing the right care in the right place” means and what long-term care residents can expect
- Listen to your comments and answer your questions

Ontario's Plan to Stay Open

The province has a new plan to help keep our healthcare system working

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**Preserving
Our
Hospital
Capacity**

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**Providing
the Right
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**Further
Reducing
Surgical
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**Easing Pressure
On Our
Emergency
Departments**

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**Further
Expanding
Ontario's Health
Workforce**

COVID-19 Bivalent Booster

Residents, staff and caregivers in long-term care homes are eligible to receive a COVID-19 bivalent booster, if at least 3 months has passed since the last dose or since COVID-19 infection.



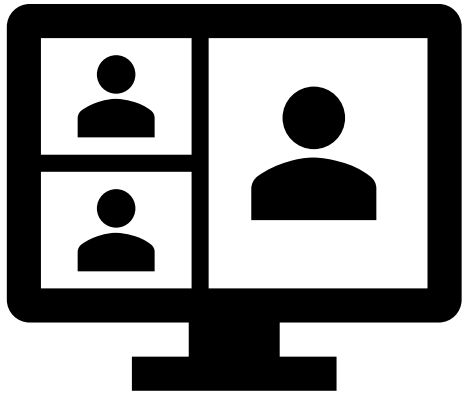
- **Residents** can get their booster in their long-term care home.
- **Caregivers** can get their booster in community settings such as pharmacies or vaccine clinics, as well as in some long-term care homes.

COVID-19 Bivalent Booster

- The bivalent booster targets both the original COVID-19 virus and the Omicron variant.
- It can be received at the same time as other non-COVID vaccines, such as the flu vaccine.
- Getting a booster helps protect against symptoms and severe illness.

What enhanced supports are available?

The ministry is expanding access to supports and services that are important to residents, families and caregivers by:



- Increasing funding for specialized behavioral supports for residents.
- Expanding the virtual behaviour medicine program led by Baycrest Hospital.
- Creating a new Local Priorities Fund to help long-term care homes support residents with complex care needs.

What else is changing?

- Reopening respite care and short-stay programs.
- Increasing the number of available beds in homes.
- Continuing to increase the number of staffing hours for direct resident care.



Providing the Right Care in the Right Place

- A patient designated as alternate level of care is someone who is in a hospital and clinically determined to no longer need hospital care.
- Some of these patients are eligible for long-term care where they can enjoy a better quality of life with access to social and recreational programming and other supports.

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**Providing
the Right
Care in the
Right Place**

Supporting patient admission from hospital to LTC

- The new law will allow eligible patients needing an alternate level of care to move temporarily to a long-term care home selected by a placement coordinator while they wait for their preferred home.
- New guidelines will help support placement coordinators in engaging patients on preferred locations and other preferences, selecting homes within set geographic distances, and identifying available supports that might be needed.

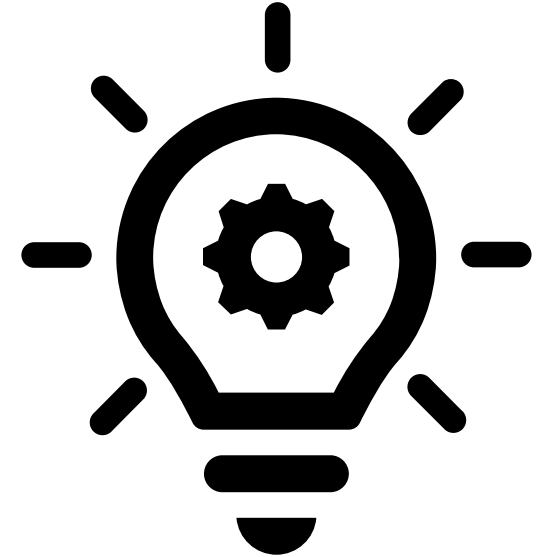
What is next?

- Residents and families will continue to be updated on changes.
- The ministry will continue to support homes to understand and implement the changes.
- The ministry will follow up on any key questions that arise.



Thank you!

Questions?



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