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Dear Residents and Families,

We remain committed to providing updates to our residents, families, and staff at AgeCare. We provide weekly updates to keep you all informed on what is happening in our communities and organization-wide.

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Welcoming Back our Volunteers!

As we inch our way toward a secure post-pandemic way of life, AgeCare is excited to welcome volunteers back into our communities to join us in the fulfilling pursuit of cultivating connections and building meaningful moments with our amazing residents!

“Our Recreation teams across all our communities are looking forward to having volunteers onsite again – lending their support to our resident programs,” said Jessica Jones, AgeCare Volunteer Advisor. “We also want to invite community members with a variety of talents, skills, and passions to apply! We are looking for multifaceted individuals to connect with our equally diverse residents.”

For instance, a volunteer may have a musical talent to share, be an avid crib player, enjoy teaching a novel craft, or be multi-lingual and willing to interact with residents who speak English. Or they may simply be drawn to the wisdom seniors have to offer and are willing to commit to weekly companionship visits with a resident who has a limited circle of visitors.

“Whatever special talents or interests people bring, we welcome them to apply and join our thriving communities. I guarantee that engagement with seniors will add joy to your life and theirs!” said Jessica.

If you or someone you know is a fully vaccinated adult, at least 19 years of age, and looking to offer their highly valued gifts of time and talents to AgeCare, please contact Jessica at volunteers@agecare.ca.

We also welcome some options related to virtual volunteering – please get in touch with us if you are better suited for remote engagement.

Stopping the Flu, Starts with You

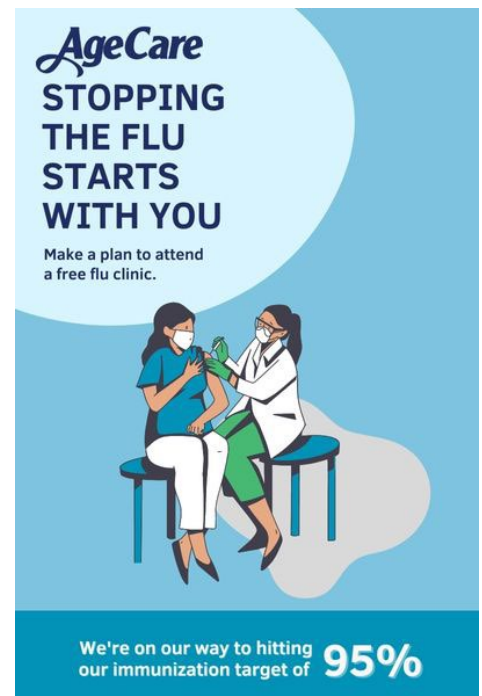
With the start of the respiratory illness season, it is expected that COVID-19 cases will increase as more people gather indoors. In addition, we need to be prepared for the possibility of an influenza surge following two years of low influenza rates due to public health restrictions that reduced travel and socialization.

Influenza vaccines are now available at participating pharmacies and health authority clinics.

New this year, individuals can book their influenza vaccine through the provincial [Get Vaccinated](#) system, just like booking COVID-19 vaccines. Eligible people can get an influenza vaccine and a COVID-19 fall booster at the same time.

At AgeCare, we have been hosting immunization clinics for our residents and staff to help prevent the spread of influenza.

Additionally, for the first time, all seniors older than 65 can get a free enhanced influenza vaccine this year. Enhanced influenza vaccines (FLUZONE® High-Dose Quadrivalent / FLUAD® adjuvanted) give seniors better protection against influenza than standard-dose vaccines. Enhanced influenza vaccines stimulate stronger immune responses, compensating for the natural weakening of the immune system that occurs with age.





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Learn more about the Influenza vaccine by visiting immunizebc.ca/influenza.

If you have not yet registered, please visit getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca or call 1-833-838-2323.

Visitor Guidelines

While many restrictions have been lifted outside of our community, we wish to reiterate the need for safe, responsible practices in our centres, including continuous masking and hand hygiene. **Remember! Help us limit potential exposure to COVID by staying away if you are unwell.**



Coming for a visit? Please familiarize yourself with these guidelines. [Download the Visitor Guide \(PDF\) -->](#)

Recreation Calendars

Our recreation team works hard to create engaging activities that enrich the mind, body and spirit. We are continuously looking for ways to reduce the risk of transmission while having the least impact on residents' well-being. At this time, visitors are not permitted to attend indoor recreation programming, including concerts. We appreciate your understanding.

Please note that communities with an exposure or outbreak may have different recreation restrictions. Contact your community or [sign up for email updates](#) to stay informed on the latest information.

For our AgeCare communities from Revera, your Activity Pro Family Portal is still available for you to access. You can log in with your usual username and password at online.activitypro.net/users/login/agecare.

If you are a current resident family member and don't yet have a username and password to access your loved one's **Activity Pro** page, please [contact](#) the community directly and ask to speak to the recreation team. They walk you through the steps needed to access the family portal.

View the Recreation Calendars for your AgeCare Community:

Arbutus Care Centre	AgeCare Brandt's Creek Mews	AgeCare Cariboo Place
AgeCare Glenwarren	AgeCare Harmony Court	AgeCare Holyrood
AgeCare James Bay	AgeCare Lakeview	AgeCare Monashee Mews
AgeCare Mount Ida Mews	AgeCare Royal City	AgeCare Sandringham

We're Hiring

Did you know AgeCare is hiring? Great opportunities for caring people. From health care aides to food services to recreation to administration and more, we are looking for dedicated and caring individuals.



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If you or someone you know is looking for an exciting new opportunity, check out our job postings for:



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