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Updates and Reminders:

1. Viral Respiratory Illness Immunization Clinics Now Underway

On Oct. 7, BC's Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry announced that respiratory season is underway and that influenza and COVID-19 vaccines are available again this year.

Viral respiratory illness immunization clinics are on now across various PHSA sites through Nov. 27, making it easy to protect yourself, your colleagues and your patients.

- Book your appointment early on JaneApp or join the waitlist to be notified if appointments become available.
- Staff clinics will provide both influenza and COVID-19 vaccines.
- Clinics are open to health authority staff, medical staff, contractors, volunteers and students.
- Wear a short-sleeved shirt and bring your Personal Health Number to your appointment.
- Peer immunizers are also available at some sites to provide influenza vaccine. Check with your manager.

- You can also receive your influenza and COVID-19 vaccines through a local pharmacy using the Get Vaccinated System.

In addition to vaccination, routine infection prevention and control practices remain essential to reducing the risk of transmission of viral respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and influenza.

These practices include the use of medical masks and other personal protective equipment based on point-of-care risk assessments, maintaining proper hand hygiene, and staying home when feeling unwell.

Don't forget to self-report your influenza protection choice — reporting helps Workplace Health monitor protection levels across PHSA and respond quickly during periods of influenza activity. All PHSA staff, including medical staff, must report their influenza protection choice as required by PHSA's Influenza Prevention policy.

Questions? Email influenza@phsa.ca or visit the Viral Respiratory Illness page on POD.

Upcoming Events and Courses:

2. PQI Introduction to Quality Improvement Workshop: Level 2

Please join the PHSA Physician Quality Improvement program for the **Level 2: PHSA PQI Introduction to Quality Improvement Workshop**. Delivered virtually over two half-days, this workshop provides participants with an overview and practice on using key quality improvement tools and approaches.

Event Details
- Part 1: **Nov 5**, 9:00 - 12:30pm (virtual)
- Part 2: **Nov 6**, 9:00 - 12:30pm (virtual)

This workshop is open to all physicians, medical staff and PHSA staff. Physicians may be eligible for sessional compensation and CME credits. Space is limited so early registration is recommended.

Participants will learn how quality improvement (QI) can address healthcare gaps, understand the impact of culture and stakeholder engagement on change, apply QI tools throughout a project, generate change ideas, use Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) cycles effectively, and understand the role of data measurement in driving improvement.

Registration
Please enroll in this workshop through the LearningHub:
- Attendees need to enroll in the curriculum first (course ID 35164)
- Upon enrollment, please register for part 1 (course ID 19542) and part 2 (course ID 25128).

For more information, please contact PHSA PQI at PQI@phsa.ca

3. Interviewers Needed to Help Shape the Future of Medicine

The UBC Doctor of Medicine program is seeking people from all backgrounds and communities to contribute to a fair, thoughtful, and inclusive admissions process. The opportunity is open to all PHSA medical staff, including nurse practitioners, physicians, dentists and midwives.

UBC medical students train across all health authorities and regions of BC. As a member of these communities, your experiences and understanding can help UBC identify future physicians who will contribute to transforming health for everyone in the province.

Those interested are asked to sign up by **November 2**. Interviews will take place late January/early February in Vancouver. The opportunity is open to people residing outside of Vancouver with transportation and expenses covered by UBC. More details, including information on how to sign up, here.

For more information, please email: interviews.md@exchange.ubc.ca.

4. Diversity Equity and Inclusion Courses Now Accredited through UBC Continuing Professional Development

Building knowledge and skills in diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) helps create safer, more respectful and anti-racist workplaces, strengthen teams and leadership, and support more equitable health care outcomes for patients, clients and families.

Medical staff across PHSA are invited to continue their DEI learning journey with PHSA's recently accredited courses: DEI 100, 200, 301 and 400. Accredited by UBC Continuing Professional Development, these courses support professional growth while advancing PHSA's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.

Registration is now open for DEI 200, DEI 301 and DEI 400

PHSA Operational & Leaders' News

- Read the latest PHSA Operational News and Leaders' News*:
  - Town Hall highlights
  - National Day of Action for MMIWG2S+: Continuing our learning beyond Sept. 30
  - Unique PHSA stories this week
  - Jobs of the week

Ongoing Resources:

- Check out the Medical Staff webpages on phsa.ca for information and resources for dentists, midwives, nurse practitioners, clinical scientists and physicians.
- Learn about health and wellness resources to support you.
- Looking for past issues of the Medical Staff Newsletter? Visit our Communications page.

- Visit POD for stories about our workforce and supporting resources*.