

A photograph showing several hands of different skin tones stacked together in a circle, symbolizing teamwork and support.

# Physician Lead, Emergency Preparedness, Infection & Prevention Response

## Long-Term Care & Assisted Living

Fraser Health is one of Canada's largest and fastest growing health authorities. With over 26,000 employees, 2,900 physicians and nearly 6,000 volunteers, we serve more than 1.8 million people - over one third of the entire population in British Columbia.

We are proud of the innovation, dedication, integrity and tenacity of our physicians, employees and volunteers. More than any building or technology, it's our people who make Fraser Health distinct.

Fraser Health Long-Term Care & Assisted Living (LTCAL) Physician Services is inviting applications for a Physician Lead, Emergency Preparedness, Infection & Prevention Response. This new position will give you the opportunity to share your expertise and passion with health care professionals during emergent and urgent health care events affecting Fraser Health funded long-term care homes. This is a proactive role: helping lead and empower sites to be well prepared for environmental issues and emergencies, as well as for infectious disease outbreaks. You will work with other physician leaders and be supported by administrative staff to achieve a robust Emergency Preparedness and Infection & Prevention Response portfolio to improve processes and outcomes alongside clinicians in long-term care settings. As the Physician Lead in this role, you will work with the Physician Coordination Centre to advise on emergency and crisis situations that impact the Fraser Health long-term care community.

### Key Ares of Involvement:

- Provides a medical leader's expertise to the development and application of evidence-based practice protocols, quality and safety guidelines, including: COVID-19 and other communicable disease prevention and management processes, as well as climate and other environmental health event mitigation and adaptation responses, both acute and long-term (e.g., wildfire smoke, extreme heat, evacuation, power failure); Reviews vulnerability assessments for short term responses to acute events and longer term planning; working in collaboration with the LTC COVID-19 Coordination Centre; and in consultation with the designated FH Medical Health Officer (MHO) as required
- Leads the development and communication of Physician Resources related to communicable disease (COVID or other outbreaks such as influenza and GI outbreaks), as well as for environmental threats such as response to evacuation or receipt of evacuees, power failures and environmental emergencies
- Provides consultation and advice to Facility Medical Directors to problem-solve specific issues regarding outbreak prevention and containment, while balancing the needs for non-COVID medical care and medical leadership at the LTC site (e.g. appropriate in-person and/or virtual visits) while consulting with the MHO as appropriate
- Consults and collaborates with Medical Leaders, LTCAL, and the MHO to provide Regional level guidance where required
- Liaises with other Fraser Health resources as required, including Infection Prevention & Control, Public Health, Communications, Facilities Management and Operations, and others
- Escalates through the Lead, Physician Services and the Regional Medical Director any issues requiring a response from Fraser Health's Regional Emergency Operations Centre (REOC) or Executive

### Qualifications and Experience:

- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with physicians, staff, and community
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Current knowledge of Population and Public Health practices and policies

- Significant clinical experience and comfort working with the frail and elderly population
- Member of a local Division of Family Practice and part of the General Practice Services Committee's Long-Term Care Initiative
- Licensure with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia
- Coverage with the Canadian Medical Protective Association is mandatory
- Completion of the Physician Quality Initiative's Fundamentals training preferred
- Experience as a Medical Health Officer would be an asset

**Compensation:**

Administrative stipend: 0.2 FTE – approximately seven (7) hours/week based on the Health Employers Association of British Columbia's Provincial Medical Leadership Compensation Framework totaling \$42,137.40 per annum plus GST where applicable.

**Term:**

Three (3) years.

**Location:**

Programs will be region-wide. The Physician Lead will work remotely outside of meetings when necessary.

**Reporting Structure:**

Reports to the Regional Medical Director, Long-Term Care & Assisted Living and the Medical Health Officer.

Are you looking to become part of an organization that has pride in their people and strives to support them in building a great workplace? Everyone plays a role in the care continuum. Together, we build great workplaces.

Take the next step in your practice and apply today so we can continue the conversation to make a difference in the communities we serve.

We encourage you to submit your application to:

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