Some jurisdictions have reported dramatically increased rates of pediatric respiratory infections such as RSV over the last few months, plus increased hospital admissions for viral triggered respiratory illnesses such as bronchiolitis, croup or asthma. This is in addition to COVID-19 infections and higher than we normally see at this time of year. In preparation for a possible similar experience in BC, the following resources have been compiled for pediatric health care providers. This is not an exhaustive list and further resources can be found on PHSA Shared Health Organizations Portal (SHOP). Please refer to your local health authority respiratory care policies and guidelines.

During the upcoming respiratory season, children and families should continue to practice personal prevention measures. Cleaning hands often, monitoring for symptoms of illness, staying home when sick, wearing a well-fitted mask (if the child tolerates it), and respecting each other’s personal space decreases transmission of many respiratory viruses. Encouraging routine childhood immunizations, seasonal influenza and the COVID-19 vaccine for those who are eligible, is an important role for health care providers working with infants, children and youth.

ASTHMA

Asthma Care Across Community Settings provides provincial primary care, urgent care and emergency department guidelines, fillable/printable patient action plans, posters, resource cards, and educational materials for families and caregivers. Resources are available in multiple languages.

Educational resources include the UBC CPD Pediatric Asthma Management course, webinars and an education video.

BRONCHIOLITIS

TREKK Bottom Line Recommendations: Bronchiolitis
BCCH Guideline: High Flow Nasal Cannula in Bronchiolitis (<1 Year)
High Flow Oxygen Therapy E Learning Module
BCCH Inpatient Pediatric Bronchiolitis Order Set
TREKK Bronchiolitis Family Resources

CROUP

TREKK Bottom Line Recommendations

COVID-19

BCCDC COVID-19 Pediatric Resources
Family/Caregiver Resource on When to Seek Medical Care

RSV

BC RSV Immunoprophylaxis Program Resources
(type “RSV” in ‘Search Terms’ bar)
BCCDC RSV Surveillance Data
(found within the Influenza Surveillance Reports)

VACCINES

BCCDC Routine Childhood Immunization Information
BCCDC Children and COVID-19 Vaccination
BCCDC 2021/22 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Eligibility