

MEMORANDUM

TO: Health Care Providers

FROM: Dr. Ian Arra, Medical Officer of Health & Chief Executive Officer

DATE: October 21, 2021

RE: COVID-19 Vaccine & Co-Administration

The Grey Bruce Health Unit has direction from the Ministry of Health in regards to the COVID-19 vaccine and co-administration with other vaccines.

The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) has now determined that a precautionary approach is no longer necessary and recommends that COVID-19 vaccines may be administered concomitantly with, or at any time before or after non-COVID-19 vaccines, including live, non-live, adjuvanted, or unadjuvanted vaccines.

Informed consent should include a discussion about the limited data available, as well as the benefits and potential risks of administering a COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 vaccine at the same time.

It is currently not known if the reactogenicity of COVID-19 vaccine is increased with concomitant administration. While no specific safety concerns have been identified for various concomitant administration regimens that may occur, there is potential for increased reactogenicity with concomitant administration of COVID-19 vaccines with other vaccines, particularly those known to be more reactogenic, such as newer adjuvanted vaccines.

As a reminder to [section 38](#) of the [Health Protection and Promotion Act](#), those administering vaccines should ensure that the vaccine recipients or their parents/guardians are:

- Advised to immediately call their doctor/nurse practitioner or;
- Go to the nearest hospital emergency department if they develop a reaction that could be related to the vaccine.

As an additional reminder, health care providers (e.g., physicians, nurses and pharmacists) are required by law (i.e., [Health Protection and Promotion Act, s. 38](#)) to report AEFIs.

- Reports should be made using the Ontario AEFI Reporting Form (available at: [Vaccine Safety | Public Health Ontario](#)) and sent to the local public health unit.
 - Grey Bruce Regional Reports are to be sent to:
 - 519 376 7782 or immunization@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca
 - [AEFI factsheet healthcare providers.pdf](#) (publichealthgreybruce.on.ca)

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A list of public health units is available at:

- ✓ [Public Health Unit Locations - Public Health Units - Health Services in Your Community - MOHLTC \(gov.on.ca\)](#)

The updated NACI Recommendations on the Use of COVID-19 Vaccines can be found here:

- ✓ [recommendations-use-covid-19-vaccines-en.pdf \(canada.ca\)](#)

The Summary of NACI's Statement can be found here:

- ✓ [Summary: Recommendations on the use of COVID-19 vaccines: National Advisory Committee on Immunization \(NACI\) statement - Canada.ca](#)

Grey Bruce Health Unit continues to be available to answer any questions on this or any other matter related to COVID-19. Most information can be found at:

- ✓ [2019 Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) \(publichealthgreybruce.on.ca\)](#)
- ✓ [COVID-19 Vaccines \(publichealthgreybruce.on.ca\)](#)

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