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Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health

Dr. Katharine Smart
President of the Canadian Medical Association
May 9, 2022

Thank you for this opportunity to present the views of the Canadian Medical Association on the Public Health Act and the principles of a planetary health approach.

The concept of planetary health is a holistic framework that recognizes the interdependence of the health and well-being of humans, animals, plants, and the natural environment.

The CMA is a strong advocate for a planetary health approach to health policy, and we believe that it should be an important consideration in the development of any public health legislation.

We urge the Committee to consider the following points:

1. The importance of a multidisciplinary approach to public health
2. The need for a strong public health system
3. The role of health professionals in promoting health and preventing disease
4. The importance of partnerships and collaboration among all stakeholders

The CMA looks forward to working with the Committee to ensure that the Public Health Act is strengthened to reflect these principles.

Thank you for your consideration of these points.

Dr. Katharine Smart
President of the Canadian Medical Association
May 9, 2022
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Dr. Alka Lakhani
President-Elect of the Canadian Medical Association

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Improving health care by reducing interprovincial and interterritorial barriers
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Dr. Curtis Lowery
President of the Canadian Medical Association

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Study on Bill S-209, An Act respecting Pandemic Observance Day

Dr. J. F. Scott Murray
President of the Canadian Medical Association

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CMA Submission to the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities’ study of Bill C-3, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Canada Labour Code

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         Ethics and medical professionalism

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Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers

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Health human resources
Population health, health equity, public health

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Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers

Policy position recommendation:
1. All health care workers should be encouraged to get COVID-19 vaccination voluntarily, their families, communities, and external stakeholders.
2. Public sector organizations/health care facilities should consider the need to mandatorily offer COVID-19 vaccination to employees as an option. This option should be available to employees who are not vaccinated. In addition, health care facilities and health care providers should be encouraged to offer COVID-19 vaccination to all employees, including those who are not vaccinated.
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5. The CMA encourages all levels of government and employers to consider strategies that will encourage and support workplace vaccination and associated policies. For CMA, vaccination rates have been reported as less than 50% within the health care system in Canada. This represents a significant opportunity for workplace vaccination, and therefore, supports the need for employers to consider strategies that will encourage and support workplace vaccination and associated policies.
Vaccine acceptance

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Vaccine acceptance

Policy position recommendation:

1. High-risk-innovative areas are critical for the success of the pandemic. Public health programs need to work collaboratively to increase access and address the unmet needs.

2. It is important to engage with local populations to ensure that the front-line healthcare professionals are doing their best to reach decision-makers and address disparities.

3. The definition of at-risk individuals is being expanded to include those who are not vaccinated. The integration of these initiatives with various public health programs is crucial.

4. Support strategies, such as health education and community engagement, are essential in enhancing vaccine rates in addition to medical and non-medical services.

5. Engaging with local communities through education and communication is necessary to address vaccine hesitancy and ensure equitable access.

6. Communicating the importance of vaccines is crucial in reducing vaccine hesitancy and increasing vaccination rates.
Global vaccine equity

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Global vaccine equity

Policy position recommendation:
1. Canada must work to enhance access to vaccines globally. The Canadian government should prioritize providing vaccines to developing countries, and specifically to low- and middle-income countries, to ensure equitable access to vaccines. This includes supporting vaccine manufacturing and distribution, and ensuring that vaccine development and delivery are conducted with the principle of equity and accessibility.
2. The Canadian government should support international initiatives aimed at strengthening global health systems and ensuring sustainable solutions to the current health challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. The Canadian government should increase its investment in research and development of vaccines and therapeutics, with a focus on those that address global health needs.
4. The Canadian government should ensure that vaccination programs are implemented effectively and equitably, taking into account the diversity of the population and ensuring that vulnerable groups are prioritized.

Support:
- Canada can play a leading role in global vaccine equity by working with other countries, international organizations, and the private sector to ensure that vaccines are available to all who need them.
- The Canadian government should support the development and distribution of vaccines, particularly to developing countries, to ensure that everyone has access to safe and effective vaccines.
- The Canadian government should ensure that vaccine distribution is equitable, with a focus on the most vulnerable populations who are at highest risk.

Conclusion:
Canada has a moral and ethical obligation to support global vaccine equity. By working together with other countries and international organizations, we can ensure that vaccines are available to all who need them, and that everyone has the opportunity to live a healthy and fulfilling life.