CMA Recommendations on Vaccine Equity and Intellectual Property

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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

The medical profession is committed to maintaining the highest ethical standards and providing the best possible care to all patients.

We believe that healthcare should be accessible and affordable for all Canadians. This requires a robust and sustainable healthcare system that invests in prevention, primary care, and mental health support.

In conclusion, the Canadian Medical Association remains committed to advocating for a healthcare system that prioritizes the health and well-being of all Canadians.
Appearance before the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs (INAN): Administration and accessibility of Indigenous Peoples to the Non-Insured Benefits Program

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Dr. Alka Lamba
President, Canadian Medical Association
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Dr. Alka Lamba, President, Canadian Medical Association, presents her views on the Non-Insured Benefits Program and its accessibility for Indigenous Peoples.

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Improving health care by reducing interprovincial and interterritorial barriers
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[Dr. Cairns, President of the Canadian Medical Association]

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Dr. J. K. Smith
President of the Canadian Medical Association

February 04, 2022

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The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) has established position statements on various aspects of vaccine certificates. These certificates are meant to signify that an individual has received one or more doses of a COVID-19 vaccine. This policy document outlines the CMA's position on mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers.

1. The CMA supports mandatory COVID-19 vaccination for health care workers and aligns with the public health recommendations of provincial and territorial governments.

2. Vaccine certificates are essential for ensuring a safe and healthy environment for patients and staff. They are also a necessary safeguard for the health care system's resilience.

3. Vaccine certificates provide clear evidence of vaccination status, which is critical for maintaining public trust and confidence in the health care system.

4. Vaccine certificates also facilitate travel and access to services, promoting economic recovery and social well-being.

5. The CMA recommends that vaccine certificates be issued through secure digital channels, ensuring privacy and security of personal health information.

The CMA encourages all eligible individuals to get vaccinated and supports the use of vaccine certificates as a tool to ensure safe and effective health care services.

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Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers

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Global vaccine equity

Policy recommendations
1. Canada’s members are encouraged to advocate for equitable access to vaccines, both domestically and internationally. This includes supporting policies that address the distribution of vaccines through WHO and GAVI initiatives.
2. The Canadian government should provide clear guidelines to healthcare providers on the use of vaccines, including information on contraindications and adverse events.
3. It is important to ensure that vaccine distribution is based on evidence-based criteria, and that countries with a higher proportion of vulnerable populations receive a larger portion of vaccines.
4. Medical professionals should be involved in the development and implementation of vaccination programs to ensure that they are accessible and equitable.

Annex
- The World Health Organization (WHO) has set a target of vaccinating 70% of the global population by 2022.
Return to school during COVID-19

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Return to school during COVID-19

Policy guidance recommendation

1. **Policy guidance recommendation**
   - The task is to ensure comprehensive, coordinated, and equitable implementation of measures to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission in schools and to support the health and well-being of students, teachers, and other school personnel. This includes the development of clear, evidence-based guidelines and the provision of adequate resources and support to schools and school districts. The goal is to create a safe and healthy environment for learning while minimizing the risk of transmission.

2. **Initiatives that have shown success in preventing the spread of COVID-19**
   - **Mask mandates:** Studies have shown that the widespread use of masks in schools can significantly reduce the risk of transmission. The use of masks by students, teachers, and staff can help prevent the spread of the virus, especially in settings where social distancing is not always possible.
   - **Physical distancing:** Maintaining a distance of at least 2 meters (6 feet) between individuals reduces the likelihood of transmission. Schools can implement measures such as staggered schedules, reduced class sizes, and the use of designated seating arrangements to facilitate distancing.
   - **Hand hygiene:** Frequent handwashing and the use of hand sanitizers are effective in reducing the spread of the virus. Schools should ensure that handwashing facilities are available and that staff are trained in proper hand hygiene techniques.
   - **Investment in ventilation:** Improving ventilation in schools can help reduce the concentration of the virus in indoor spaces. This can be achieved through the use of fans, opening windows, and the installation of air filtration systems.
   - **Regular testing:** Regular testing of students and staff can help identify cases early and prevent the spread of the virus. Schools should consider implementing periodic testing programs, especially in settings with high population density or where transmission is high.
   - **Contact tracing:** Effective contact tracing can help identify and isolate individuals who may have been exposed to the virus. Schools should work with local public health authorities to implement contact tracing protocols.
   - **Enhanced cleaning and disinfection:** Regular and thorough cleaning of school premises is essential to reduce the risk of transmission. Schools should follow evidence-based cleaning protocols to eliminate viral particles from surfaces.

3. **Advisories**
   - The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) advises that schools and school authorities implement comprehensive and coordinated strategies to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment. These strategies should be based on the latest scientific evidence and should be flexible enough to adapt to changing circumstances.

4. **Conclusion**
   - The return to school during COVID-19 presents significant challenges, but with the right measures in place, it is possible to create a safe and healthy environment for learning. The CMA encourages schools and school authorities to prioritize the health and well-being of students, teachers, and staff, and to work closely with local public health authorities to ensure a safe and successful return to school.