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Vaccine acceptance

Policy position recommendation

1. Health systems and communities are critical to the success of vaccine delivery. Effective public health programs need strategies that address barriers to accessing vaccines and address the needs of vulnerable communities.

2. Health care providers must engage with diverse populations to build trust and understanding, ensuring that vaccines are accepted and administered safely. This includes addressing the cultural and linguistic needs of communities and involving community leaders in vaccine delivery initiatives.

3. Health systems and communities must prioritize equitable access to vaccines, particularly among underserved populations. This includes ensuring that vaccines are available in community settings and health care facilities, and that vaccination programs are culturally competent.

4. Health systems and communities must measure and report on vaccine acceptability and coverage, including among vulnerable populations. This includes collecting data on the uptake of vaccines and the reasons for non-acceptance, and using this information to improve vaccine delivery programs.

5. Health systems and communities must support vaccine research and development, including the development of vaccines for emerging diseases and pandemics.

6. Health systems and communities must engage with vaccine stakeholders, including government officials, public health agencies, and community leaders, to develop and implement effective vaccination programs.

7. Health systems and communities must prioritize the health and safety of individuals and communities during vaccine delivery, including during pandemics and other public health crises.
Global vaccine equity

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Return to school during COVID-19

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Policy recommendation:

1. Federal and provincial governments and school boards should work in consultation to ensure that safety protocols are in place to ensure a safe return to school. These protocols should include:
   a. Ensuring physical distancing is maintained and masks are worn in all settings.
   b. Providing hand sanitizer and ensuring hygiene practices are in place.
   c. Implementing enhanced cleaning and disinfection measures.
   d. Providing adequate ventilation in all classrooms and common areas.
   e. Limiting the size of gatherings and ensuring adequate ventilation in all locations.
   f. Providing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) for all staff and students.
   g. Providing additional support for vulnerable populations, including those with underlying health conditions.
   h. Ensuring adequate staffing levels are maintained.

2. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) recommends that all school boards and school systems implement a comprehensive, evidence-based strategy to ensure a safe return to school. This strategy should be based on the following principles:
   a. Safety: The health and safety of all students, staff, and families should be the primary concern.
   b. Equity: The strategy should ensure that all students have access to a safe and equitable learning environment.
   c. Flexibility: The strategy should allow for flexibility to accommodate the needs of all students and staff.
   d. Collaboration: The strategy should be developed in consultation with all stakeholders, including students, staff, parents, and community partners.

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