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Documents
Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers

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TOPICS
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Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of
health care workers

Policy position recommendation:
1. All health care workers should be encouraged to vaccinate for COVID-19 whenever possible. Their
toilet facilities, community, and facilities of care.
2. Any measures to prevent COVID-19 transmission should be consistent with public health
recommendations and are intended to protect the health and well-being of health care workers
and their families.
3. The public health measures should be consistent with the need to protect vulnerable
groups, including the elderly, those with underlying medical conditions, and those in critical
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Health care and patient safety
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Global vaccine equity

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Global vaccine equity

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Ethics and medical professionalism
Population health, health equity, public health

Global vaccine equity

1. Use caution in the interpretation of vaccine efficacy. The Oxford vaccine, for example, has a high efficacy (80-90%) in reducing severe illness, hospitalization, and death. However, its effectiveness in preventing mild illness and asymptomatic infection is lower. It is expected that the COVID-19 vaccine will be distributed globally in the next phase, which includes developing countries with high levels of vaccine distribution and equitable access.

2. Encourage and support the production of additional doses of COVID-19 vaccines to ensure global coverage. The World Health Organization (WHO) should prioritize the production of vaccines in low-income and middle-income countries to ensure equitable access to vaccines.

3. Support the equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines. The COVAX program aims to ensure that all countries, especially low-income and middle-income countries, have access to vaccines. The program is supported by the WHO, the Gavi Alliance, and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI).

4. Promote vaccine education and awareness. The public should be informed about the benefits and side effects of COVID-19 vaccines to increase public confidence and acceptance. This includes providing accurate information about vaccine efficacy, safety, and the importance of vaccination.

5. Encourage countries to develop national strategies to ensure the equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines. This includes ensuring that vaccines are accessible to all segments of the population, including vulnerable groups, and that vaccination campaigns are culturally sensitive and community-based.

6. Support research and development of new vaccines and treatments for COVID-19. This includes supporting the development of vaccines that are effective against new variants of the virus and that can be manufactured and distributed at a lower cost.

7. Advocate for increased funding for global health initiatives, including research and development, and for the establishment of global health organizations that are accountable to all countries.

8. Help to address the underlying socioeconomic and political factors that contribute to the inequitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines. This includes supporting the development of social and economic policies that promote equity and reduce inequalities.

9. Support the implementation of policies and programs that promote the equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, including the provision of incentives for vaccine manufacturers to produce vaccines in low-income and middle-income countries.

10. Promote the role of the medical profession in advocating for the equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines and in addressing the ethical and medical implications of vaccine availability.
Return to school during COVID-19

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Health care and patient safety
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Documents
Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)

Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)

Policy recommendation

1. The Canadian Medical Association recommends that health care providers be familiar with the interchangeability of vaccines, including the use of different vaccine manufacturers' products, for routine immunization.

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Interchangeability of vaccines

- Interchangeability of vaccines must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the following factors:
  - The type of vaccine
  - The manufacturer
  - The age of the recipient
  - The health status of the recipient

Informed Consent Consent and Information Sharing (I.C.C.S.)

- Informed consent must be obtained from all patients receiving an immunization.

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Policy Brief: CSAM-SMCA in Support of the Decriminalization of Drug Use and Possession for Personal Use
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Population health, health equity, public health

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Bill C-30: The Budget Implementation Act, 2021
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Documents

Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance
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Enhancing equitable access to virtual care in Canada: Principle-based recommendations for equity
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