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Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers

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DATE  2021-08-21
TOPICS  Health human resources
Population health, health equity, public health

Documents

Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers

Policy position recommendation:

1. All health care workers should be vaccinated against COVID-19 in a timely manner.
2. Policy and practice to support vaccination and to promote health equity in the health care system.
3. Measures to support vaccine acceptance and to address barriers to vaccination.
4. Monitoring of vaccine acceptance and effectiveness.

Rationale:

1. Vaccination is the most effective way to prevent COVID-19. It is essential for health care workers to be vaccinated to protect themselves and their patients.
2. Health equity is a fundamental principle of health care. It is important to ensure that all health care workers have equal access to vaccination.
3. To build trust, health care workers should be involved in the development of vaccination policies and strategies.
4. Monitoring of vaccine acceptance and effectiveness is necessary to ensure that the vaccination program is effective.

Recommendations:

1. Health care organizations should develop vaccination policies and strategies that are inclusive and consider the needs of all health care workers.
2. Health care organizations should provide education and support to health care workers to help them make informed decisions about vaccination.
3. Health care organizations should monitor vaccine acceptance and effectiveness and adjust policies and strategies as necessary.

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Vaccine acceptance
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Health care and patient safety
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Global vaccine equity

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

Global vaccine equity

Policy position recommendation:

1. Canada should support equitable access to vaccine. The CMA recommends that
   equitable access to vaccines should be a global public health priority and
   the efforts to ensure equitable access should be supported by
   international organizations and governments.
2. International access is vaccine procurements is essential to
   global health and universal access to vaccines.
3. The CMA recommends that Canada be a leader in
   promoting equitable access to vaccines.

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TOPICS     Health care and patient safety
Population health, health equity, public health

Documents

Return to school during COVID-19

Policy position recommendation:

1. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) recommends that jurisdictions mandate that students and staff wear masks and coverings while learning in school settings and schools to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. This includes in the classroom, hallways, and any areas where physical distancing cannot be maintained.

2. In jurisdictions where it is safe to do so, schools should consider implementing a hybrid learning model that allows for both in-person and remote learning. This can help reduce the number of students and staff in the school at any given time, reducing the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

3. Schools should ensure that they have adequate ventilation systems in place to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. This includes ensuring that windows and doors are opened to allow for natural ventilation.

4. Schools should implement physical distancing measures to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. This includes ensuring that students and staff are spaced at least 1 to 2 metres apart in the classroom, hallways, and any areas where physical distancing cannot be maintained.

5. Schools should implement frequent hand hygiene and disinfection practices to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. This includes providing hand sanitizer and soap dispensers, and ensuring that they are regularly used.

6. Schools should implement contact tracing and outbreak management plans to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. This includes identifying and isolating individuals who may have been exposed to the virus, and providing appropriate support to those who have been identified.

7. Schools should ensure that they have adequate supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE) for students and staff, including face masks and other protective gear.

8. Schools should implement robust screening protocols to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. This includes screening students and staff for symptoms of illness before entering the school, and providing a safe and supportive environment for those who are sick or feeling unwell.

9. Schools should implement robust safety and infection control measures to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. This includes providing training and education for students and staff, and implementing clear and consistent communication strategies.

10. Schools should work closely with local public health authorities to ensure that they have access to the latest information and guidance on COVID-19 prevention and control.

11. Schools should ensure that they have adequate space for physical distancing, and consider implementing staggered schedules or other strategies to reduce the number of students and staff in the school at any given time.

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Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)

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Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)

Policy position/Recommendations

1. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) recommends that, based on the available evidence, all vaccines other than mRNA vaccines should be used interchangeably. This includes both single doses and two-dose series.

2. The CMA recommends that health care providers adopt a flexible approach to vaccine administration, taking into account the availability and preference of vaccines.

3. The CMA recommends that all health care providers be prepared to administer any vaccine that is available, ensuring that patients receive their vaccines in a timely manner.

4. The CMA recommends that public health authorities provide clear and consistent guidance on vaccine interchangeability to ensure that patients and health care providers are well informed.

5. The CMA recommends that research into vaccine interchangeability be continued to ensure that the best possible care is provided to patients.

In summary, the CMA supports the use of all vaccines, including those that are different from the one initially recommended, to ensure that patients receive their vaccines in a timely manner.

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