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The Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change – Policy brief for Canada, October 2021
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Documents
Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers

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Health human resources
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Policy recommendation:
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Global vaccine equity

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Documents
Return to school during COVID-19

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RETURN TO SCHOOL DURING COVID-19

Policy recommendation:

1. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) recommends that schools be adapted to support safe learning environments during the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes implementing evidence-based public health measures, such as physical distancing, mask-wearing, and routine cleaning and disinfection of shared spaces. These measures should be monitored and adjusted based on the evolution of the pandemic and new scientific evidence.

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3. In addition, CMA suggests that schools should collaborate with local health authorities to ensure that outbreaks are quickly identified and managed, minimizing disruption to the learning process.

4. CMA further recommends that schools should consider the impact of COVID-19 on vulnerable communities and ensure equitable access to safe learning environments for all students.

5. Finally, CMA encourages schools to promote mental health and well-being among students during this challenging time, offering resources and support as needed.
Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)

Policy position recommendation

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Bill C-30: The Budget Implementation Act, 2021

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Enhancing equitable access to virtual care in Canada: Principle-based recommendations for equity
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Health information and e-health

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Recommendations for equitable COVID-19 pandemic recovery in Canada

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Documents
Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health: Study on the Emergency Situation Facing Canadians in Light of the COVID-19 Pandemic
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Documents

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