Vaccine certificates
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Policy position recommendation:

1. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) supports the implementation of a comprehensive, mandatory vaccine certificate program to address a public health emergency. Such a program should be designed to provide a framework for the enforcement of vaccine mandates, facilitate contact tracing and surveillance, and ensure the safe and equitable administration of vaccines.

2. The certificate should include information about the vaccine received and the date of administration, along with any contraindications or adverse events. It should be designed to be easily verified by healthcare providers and public health officials.

3. The program should be accessible to all individuals, regardless of socioeconomic status, and should not discriminate against any group.

4. The CMA recommends that the certificate be used as a tool to promote public health and ensure that individuals can access essential services and workplaces.

5. The program should be consistent with existing health and safety regulations and should be subject to ongoing review and evaluation to ensure its effectiveness and alignment with public health needs.

6. The CMA encourages collaboration with community organizations, public health authorities, and other stakeholders to develop and implement a Vaccine Certificate Program that is effective, equitable, and robust.

7. The CMA supports the implementation of a Vaccine Certificate Program in collaboration with local and provincial authorities, and recommends that the program be aligned with national guidelines and best practices.

8. The CMA recommends that the program be overseen by a steering committee that includes representatives from various sectors, including healthcare, public health, and civil liberties organizations.

The implementation of a comprehensive, mandatory vaccine certificate program is an important tool to address the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The CMA supports the development and implementation of such a program to ensure that it is equitable, effective, and aligned with public health needs.

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