

IMPORTANT UPDATES ON COVID-19

To: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, and Midwives
Hospital Infection Control Departments and Emergency Departments

Information regarding COVID-19 vaccine third dose, exemptions to the COVID-19 vaccine as well as return to work/school are included in this alert.

1. [COVID-19 Vaccine Third Dose Recommendations \(v.1.0, September 14, 2021\)](#) / [French Version](#)

The Ministry of Health has expanded eligibility in light of NACI's recent recommendations.

2. [Medical Exemptions to COVID-19 Vaccination \(v. 1.0, September 14, 2021\)](#) / [French Version](#)

This document is intended to assist physicians and nurse practitioners in evaluating contraindications or precautions to COVID-19 vaccination that may warrant a medical exemption.

3. **Return to work/school reminders**

When writing return to work/school letters, please remember that individuals who are COVID-swab negative or don't qualify for COVID testing may return provided that they do not have a fever and symptoms are improving for at least 24 hours. Note, one exception is that at least **48 hours** must have passed after their last bout of vomiting and/or diarrhea.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your local Timiskaming Health Unit:

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