

February 11, 2021

TO: Medical Health Officers
Public Health Nurse Manager
Immunization Coordinators
Immunization Providers

Dear Colleagues:

Re: *COVID-19 Vaccine Immunization Recommendations for the General Public (younger than 80 years old) with a Current or a Prior History of SARS-CoV-2 Infection*

The Standing Committee on Immunization endorses the following COVID-19 Vaccine immunization recommendations for the general public younger than 80 years of age with a current or a prior history of SARS-CoV-2 infection.

Recommendation for the general public younger than 80 years of age.

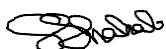
Immunization with COVID-19 vaccine may be delayed for 90 days following a PCR-confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection if the infection occurred before the first COVID-19 vaccine dose, as reinfections reported to date have been rare within the first three months following infection. However, if this is challenging from a feasibility perspective, these individuals may be immunized before the 90 days as long as the person has recovered from the acute illness and criteria have been met for them to discontinue isolation.

This recommendation applies to members of the general public (younger than 80 years old) who develop SARS-CoV-2 infection before receiving any vaccine doses.

If a member of the general public (younger than 80 years old) develops SARS-CoV-2 infection between receiving doses 1 and 2 of their COVID-19 vaccine series, the 90-day deferral does not apply and their second dose should be provided as long as the individual has recovered from the acute illness and criteria have been met for them to discontinue isolation.

This letter does not over rule the January 12, 2021 letter *COVID-19 Vaccine Immunization Recommendations for Persons with a Current or a Prior History of SARS-CoV-2 Infection* pertaining to healthcare workers and residents of long-term care facilities and personal care homes, and persons aged 80 years and older living in the community.

Sincerely,



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