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**To:** Physicians at HHS

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**Subject:** **Follow up on in-patient vaccination**

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## What's new

First doses of the COVID-19 vaccines is scheduled to be given to in-patients who are 60 years or older according to this timeline:

- General Site – Friday, April 09
- Juravinski Site – Monday, April 12
- Satellite Health Facility – Tuesday, April 13
- West Lincoln – Friday, April 09

## What HHS leaders and physicians need to do

Clinical leaders are asked to support this effort by getting orders and [getting consent from patients](#) (or authorized decision-maker).

Eligible patients can be vaccinated via two processes:

- Identification by the inpatient teams and activation of the [HHS Medical Directive](#)
- The medical directive can be initiated by any Regulated Health Professional on the inpatient unit.

NOTE: Sue Ann McAlpine and Brenda St. Amant will be meeting with the inpatient teams to review the related processes. Inpatient teams will be required to ensure that signed consent forms are completed prior to the day of scheduled vaccinations.

- For any patient, for whom there is the need for review by the MRP (Medical complexities, concerns re: the patients eligibility), the inpatient teams will reach out to the MRP to complete consent and a written order for the vaccine.

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**NOTE: the electronic order sets will soon be available in the Order Set Library. This PDF can be used in the meantime.**



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## Vaccination for patients with active or immediately after COVID infection

The regional Subject Matter Expert (SME) group recommends **not** to vaccinate patients with current (active) COVID infection

- At a minimum, patients should be considered resolved prior to getting the vaccine.
- Unless there is a pressing need to get them vaccinated after a recent infection (e.g. as a condition for admission to a congregate care/LTC facility), the SME group does **not** recommend vaccination prior to the three months after a confirmed active infection, in accordance with the recommendation by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization.

## Resources

In addition, please find attached the Public Health guidelines for vaccination eligibility. Additional reference materials are also available on the [Hamilton Family Physician vaccine page](#).

Other online resources include:

- [Administration of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine](#) provincial reference document
- Basic provincial information document [about COVID 19 vaccines](#)
- [Provincial consent form](#)
- Public Health Ontario's page on [reporting adverse event following immunization](#)
- [Provincial pre-screening assessment tool](#) for healthcare providers

Leaders of the teams caring for eligible in-patients will be contacted directly to coordinate this work and the public health team's visit. If you have any question, please contact Sue-Anne McAlpine via email: [mcalpin@hhsc.ca](mailto:mcalpin@hhsc.ca) or Brenda St. Amant: [STAMANTB@HHSC.CA](mailto:STAMANTB@HHSC.CA) .

The plan for ongoing and sustained inpatient vaccinations will be determined at a later date. More details on the next step of Phase 2 of the vaccination program (transplant/hematology/oncology patients, renal and neurological program patients) will be announced soon.

We thank everyone for their collaboration.

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Leslie, Hélène and Bruce