



COVID-19 Update for CDHA Members **August 2, 2022**

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Dear member,

We have seen an increase in case numbers and hospitalizations in recent weeks due to COVID-19 and we are battling a rise in the new Omicron subvariant, BA.5. CDHA encourages you to stay vigilant over the course of the next few months.

The importance of a fourth dose of COVID-19 vaccine for residents in long-term care facilities

This [prospective cohort study](#) looked at data from Israel from January to March 2022 where a fourth dose of COVID-19 vaccine was administered to residents of LTC, 60 years of age and older. They concluded that a fourth dose conferred high protection against hospitalizations and deaths, but modest protection against infection among that population.

NACI guidance on fall boosters

The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) released the [recommendations](#) for COVID-19 vaccine booster for the fall. NACI recommends that individuals who are at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19 should be offered a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose in the fall, regardless of the number of booster doses previously received. The recommendations also discuss hybrid immunity.

Health Canada authorizes the use of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for children 6 months to 5 years of age

On July 14, Health Canada authorized the use of Moderna Spikevax COVID-19 vaccine in children 6 months to 5 years of age. Click [here](#) for more information.



How to have conversations regarding COVID-19 pediatric vaccines

For dental hygienists who feel comfortable discussing the COVID-19 vaccine with clients, The National Collaborating Centre for Infectious Diseases (NCCDI) has released a webinar providing an overview of vaccine hesitancy and guidance for health care providers on having [conversations about pediatric vaccines in the context of COVID-19](#).

Research on incidence rates and clinical outcomes of Omicron in children

JAMA Pediatrics published [research](#) that examines the incidence rate and clinical outcomes of Omicron versus Delta in children in the US.

Understanding Canada's Vaccine Injury Support Program

This [webinar](#) hosted by CANVax discusses the [program's](#) purpose, eligibility criteria, and processes. It will guide the health professional in helping to inform those who have suffered, what could be, a serious and permanent vaccine injury.

CDHA encourages you to continue to assess your personal situation and environment to determine the steps needed to protect yourself and others.

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*Please be well and take care of yourselves.
We can all do our part to protect the health of ourselves and others.*