



## COVID-19 Update for CDHA Members December 09, 2021

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Dear member,

#### **New research on aerosols and spatter from ultrasonic scalers**

The Journal of the American Dental Association released the following article titled: [\*Characterization and mitigation of aerosols and spatters from ultrasonic scalers\*](#). Results include data on the effectiveness at reducing aerosols during ultrasonic instrumentation with a saliva ejector, a high-volume evacuator and an extraoral local extractor.

#### **Updated recommendation on COVID-19 vaccines for ages 12 and up**

The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) has released an updated recommendation on the use of authorized COVID-19 vaccines in individuals aged 12 years and older in the context of myocarditis and pericarditis reported following mRNA COVID-19 vaccines. For more details, you can read the [full statement](#) or the [summary](#).

#### **Updated recommendation on COVID-19 vaccine booster shots**

NACI has released a guidance document on COVID-19 vaccine booster doses. Included in their recommendations is that those 50 years and older receive a booster. For details you can read the [full statement](#) or the [summary](#). Each province will decide how best to incorporate NACI's recommendation in their vaccination plan.



## **WHO releases a statement on COVID-19 Omicron variant**

WHO released a [statement](#) on the newly discovered Omicron COVID-19 variant of concern. They acknowledge that it is currently not clear whether Omicron is more transmissible, whether it leads to greater severity of disease or if current COVID-19 vaccines are effective against it. Research is continuing. CDHA will keep you informed as new evidence becomes available.

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*Please be well and take care of yourselves in this difficult time.  
Everyone can do their part to slow COVID-19.*

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