



COVID-19 Update for CDHA Members March 24, 2022

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Dear member,

Authorization Medicago COVID-19 vaccine

On February 24, 2022, Health Canada authorized the use of the [Medicago Covifenz](#) COVID-19 vaccine for adults 18-64. The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) also released its [recommendations](#) and [summary](#) on the use of Medicago COVID-19 vaccine (Covifenz). This is the first authorized COVID-19 vaccine developed by a Canadian-based company and the first that uses a [plant-based protein technology](#). More information on the development of plant-based vaccines can be found [here](#).

Poor oral health status and adverse COVID-19 outcomes

A recent clinical study in the Journal of Periodontology revealed that poor oral-health conditions, especially periodontitis, are associated with serious COVID-19 outcomes. This [study](#) highlights the need for regular oral health care to aid in the prevention of COVID-19 complications.

Long COVID and oral health care considerations

The Journal of the American Dental Association (JADA) recently published a [literature review](#) with a focus on how long COVID may affect the provision of oral health care and ways in which treatment may need to be modified to best care for those clients experiencing long COVID symptoms.

Moderna Spikevax authorized in children 6-11

On March 17, Health Canada [authorized](#) the use of the Moderna Spikevax COVID-19 vaccine in children 6 to 11 years of age.

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Subsequently, the National Advisory Committee on Immunizations (NACI) released their [recommendations](#) and [summary](#) on the use of Moderna Spikevax in children ages 6-11.

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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.*

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