



## **COVID-19 Update for CDHA Members**

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Dear member,

### **NACI updated the guidance document**

On June 1, the National Advisory Committee on Immunization provided an update ([full report](#) and [summary](#)) on the Interchangeability of Authorized COVID-19 Vaccines. In summary, persons who received a first dose of:

- AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine may receive either the same or an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer-Bio-N-Tech or Moderna), unless contraindicated;
- mRNA vaccine (Pfizer-Bio-N-Tech or Moderna) should be offered the same mRNA vaccine unless unavailable. If the same is not readily available or unknown, another mRNA vaccine can be considered interchangeable.

### **Ontario members second vaccine dose**

Last week CDHA shared our concerns with the Ontario Ministry of Health that based on their current second dose schedule released on May 28, some dental hygienists would be beyond the 16-week dose interval. The Ministry of Health has now amended their second dose schedule. Individuals who received a mRNA vaccine as their first dose prior to April 18, 2021, are now eligible to book for their second dose as of June 7 through the provincial booking system.

### **Lower viral load detected after first COVID-19 vaccine**

An observational study is indicating that even if breakthrough infections occur in individuals who have received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, their viral



load is lower resulting in less transmission. [Read more.](#)

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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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