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Re: Updated Clinical Recommendations on Concurrent Administration of Vaccines for Children 6 months to 4 years old and Management of Radiocontrast Allergies and COVID-19 Vaccine Administration

Dear Health Care Provider:

Please note important updates to the following:

## 1. Co-Administration of Vaccines in those 6 months to 4 years of Age

The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) has updated recommendations for children 6 months to 4 years of age to support the administration of COVID-19 vaccines concurrently, or any time before or after, non-COVID-19 vaccines (including live and non-live vaccines)

Recommendations from the National Advisory Committee on Immunizations (NACI) on the concurrent administration of COVID and non-COVID vaccines in the 6 months to 4 years age cohort are available at: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/immunization/national-advisory-committee-on-immunization-naci.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/immunization/national-advisory-committee-on-immunization-naci.html</a>

## 2. Managing Clients with Allergies to Radiocontrast Material and COVID-19 Vaccines

Tromethamine (trometamol or Tris) may be found in certain medications and some radiocontrast media. It has been identified as a potential allergen in COVID-19 mRNA vaccines. People who report an allergy to contrast material (CT dye), including gadolinium, can be immunized with vaccines containing Tromethamine (trometamol or Tris). However, **they should be observed for 30 minutes post immunization.** 

People who have a known allergy specifically to Tromethamine (trometamol or Tris), or have experienced an allergic reaction after receipt of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine should be referred to an allergist for further assessment.

Please refer to the guidance document from the Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology for more information: <u>2021-04-10 UPDATE - COVID-19 Vaccine Testing & Administration Guidance (csaci.ca)</u>

Please share this information with all relevant colleagues in your facility/clinic.

Sincerely,

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