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Additional Information for AstraZeneca Consent Process

This information is being shared with you to ensure you understand the risks and benefits of receiving the AstraZeneca/COVIDSHIELD vaccine. The AstraZeneca/COVIDSHIELD vaccine is:

- Approved and recommended for use by Health Canada for adults aged 18 and over.
- Currently being used in 110 countries.
- Has been administered to more than 700,000 Canadians.
- Has been administered to more than 20,000 individuals in Newfoundland and Labrador.
- 82% effective in preventing serious illness and hospitalization from COVID-19 infection (about two weeks after your second dose).

Of note there is a:

- 1 in 5 risk of blood clots from COVID-19 infection.
- 1 in 100,000 risk of blood clots from receiving the AstraZeneca/COVIDSHIELD vaccine.
- Known and effective treatment for blood clots linked to the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine.

**At this time, people who have received the first dose of AstraZeneca/COVIDSHIELD may still get their second dose. This is an evolving situation and we will continue to monitor the evidence. Public Health will provide further guidance in the coming weeks for those who do not wish to have the second dose of AstraZeneca/COVIDSHIELD.

Do you have any additional questions? Are you comfortable proceeding with your AstraZeneca/COVIDSHIELD vaccine today?