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To: Pharmacists, Physicians and Other Primary Care Providers

Re: Offering Booster Doses of COVID-19 Vaccine

Date: November 5, 2021

On October 29, 2021, the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) provided updated recommendations on [COVID-19 booster doses](#) for certain populations.

A booster dose of COVID-19 mRNA vaccine can be offered to the following individuals 6 months after completion of their primary series:

- Adults living in long-term care or other congregate settings that provide care for seniors
- Adults 70 years of age and older
- Individuals who received two doses of AstraZeneca Vaxzevria/COVISHIELD vaccine
- Individuals who received one dose of Janssen vaccine
- Adults who identify as Indigenous or who live in an Indigenous community
- Frontline healthcare workers who have direct in-person contact with patients and had a primary series completed with an interval of less than 28 days.

Appropriate dosing of Moderna Spikevax vaccine will need to be considered when offering the booster dose. **Individuals living in long term care and other congregate living facilities as well as individuals 70 years of age and older should receive 100mcg (0.5mLs) for their booster dose. All other individuals should receive 50mcg (0.25mLs) for their booster dose.**

There are no recommendations on booster doses for individuals who are unable to receive an mRNA vaccine at this time.