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COVID-19 Vaccine and Co-Administration with other Vaccines

The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) released revised recommendations on September 28 on the use of COVID-19 vaccines. NACI determined that a precautionary approach is no longer necessary and recommends that **COVID-19 vaccines may be given at the same time** as, or any time before or after, other vaccines, including live, non-live, adjuvanted, and non-adjuvanted vaccines.

The Ministry of Health adopted this recommendation on September 30, 2021.

This revised recommendation is important as we move into the start of the annual Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP). Taking opportunities to vaccinate for influenza or other routine vaccines and COVID-19 together will be important to the extent possible.

Informed consent should include a discussion about the limited data available, as well as the benefits and potential risks of administering a COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 vaccine at the same time.

No specific safety concerns have been identified when routine vaccines are given at the same time or within days of each other; however, there is a possibility of increased temporary side effects when a COVID-19 vaccine and another vaccine are administered at the same time or within days of each other.

The Summary of NACI's Statement can be found here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/immunization/national-advisory-committee-on-immunization-naci/recommendations-use-covid-19-vaccines/summary-updates-september-28-2021.html>

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