

September 2, 2021

TO: Saskatchewan Health Authority
Indigenous Services Canada- Saskatchewan Region
Northern Inter-Tribal Health Authority
Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association
Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals
Saskatchewan College of Paramedics
Saskatchewan Medical Association
Saskatchewan College of Respiratory Therapists
Saskatchewan Association of Licensed Practical Nurses
College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan
Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan
Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch

Re: Intervals Between COVID-19 Vaccines and Other Vaccines No Longer Required in Saskatchewan

Dear Colleagues:

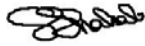
Administration of a COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccines previously required specific intervals. Effectively immediately, all Health Canada approved COVID-19 vaccines can be given concomitantly with other vaccines; no intervals are required before or after COVID-19 vaccine administration.

The Ministry of Health has closely monitored simultaneous administration of COVID-19 and other vaccines (at separate injection sites) as implemented by the United States and British Columbia over the past few months. No additional safety risks or adverse events following immunization have been identified by simultaneous administration of these vaccines.

The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) continues to recommend specific intervals between COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccine as a precautionary measure in lieu of limited safety, reactogenicity and immunogenic data as of the time of publication (<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/immunization/national-advisory-committee-on-immunization-naci/recommendations-use-covid-19-vaccines.html#a7.7>, July 2021). NACI continues to monitor the evidence.

This directive ensures that individuals have the opportunity to be immunized against COVID-19 when they are eligible to receive other vaccines such as influenza and school-aged vaccines.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Saqib Shahab', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Saqib Shahab
Chief Medical Health Officer