

COVID-19 VACCINE REGULATIONS

Notice to College Members

October 29, 2021

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has released "COVID-19 Vaccine Regulations," made pursuant to the *Public Health Protection and Promotion Act*. These Regulations come into force on <u>December 17, 2021</u> and may apply to your practice of medicine.

Physicians who are self-employed, employed by, provide services to, or own or operate one of the listed businesses, facilities, and organizations have prescribed obligations with respect to COVID-19 vaccination under these Regulations. These obligations include, but are not limited to:

- (1) An individual who is employed by or who provides services to a business, facility or organization listed in the schedule shall not enter the premises unless the individual is fully vaccinated or has been granted an approved medical exemption.
- (2) The owner or operator of a business, facility or organization listed in the schedule shall ensure that an individual who is employed by or who provides services to the business, facility or organization and who enters the premises is fully vaccinated or has been granted an approved medical exemption.
- (3) A self-employed individual who provides the services of a business, facility or organization listed in the schedule shall not enter the premises in which the person provides the services unless the person is fully vaccinated or has been granted an approved medical exemption.

All College communication to its members will be by email. It is a professional obligation for College members to read all College communications.

These Regulations apply to businesses, facilities, and organizations, including, but not limited to:

- Private health care clinics
- Private long-term care facilities
- Businesses that employ members of regulated health professions (e.g. physicians)

All College Members should be aware of any obligations they may have under the *COVID-19 Vaccine Regulations*.

The Regulations can be found on the House of Assembly website: <u>NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR REGULATION 57/21 (assembly.nl.ca)</u>

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