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MEMORANDUM

TO: Medical Officers of Health and Associate Medical Officers of Health

FROM: Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health

SUBJECT: Update to Spring COVID-19 Booster Dose Recommendations

This memo is intended to provide information on current Spring COVID-19 vaccine recommendations in anticipation of a Fall 2023 COVID-19 booster dose campaign.

Effective July 7th, individuals should consider delaying receipt of a COVID-19 booster dose until the fall. This is to ensure individuals will meet the expected 6-month recommended interval from their last dose. Receiving a booster dose in the fall, heading into respiratory illness season, will maximize protection against COVID-19 outcomes when peak circulation of the virus is expected.

The decision to receive a booster dose prior to fall 2023 may be appropriate for certain individuals based on their unique health status and personal situation. A booster dose should be administered to individuals who choose to receive one if they are eligible, meaning a recommended six months has passed since their last dose or confirmed COVID-19 infection. Individuals should be encouraged to speak with a health care provider, or call 811 or chat online at health811.ontario.ca, if they have questions.

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Please note, this information will be included on / as part of the following:

- [Ontario.ca website](#)
- Banner on provincial booking system tool/portal
- Booster Dose Recommendation Tool
- Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre (PVCC)
- Clinical guidance

Additionally, the above messages will be shared through central channels for primary care and pharmacy sectors.

Thank you,



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