

July 9, 2024

**Re: NACI Statement (May 3, 2024) – Guidance on the use of COVID-19 vaccines during the fall of 2024**

Dr. Harrison,

On behalf of [The Canadian Immunocompromised Advocacy Network](https://www.immunocompromised.ca/) (CIAN), I am writing to express gratitude for the recent NACI guidance, regarding the use of COVID-19 vaccines for the fall of 2024. Our network represents a diverse group of immunocompromised patient groups and advocates, who are at an increased risk for severe health outcomes due to infectious diseases. CIAN is dedicated to raising awareness and advocating for the well-being of immunocompromised Canadians, and we appreciate NACI's statement acknowledging the importance of protecting vulnerable populations from COVID-19.

We are appreciative that the guidance includes access to both mRNA and protein subunit COVID-19 vaccines for those who have not mounted a strong response to the mRNA formulated vaccines. This guidance will make it possible for immune compromised people to be safer, participate in low risk activities, and avoid being isolated in their homes. Topics like this as well as the importance of both active immunization and passive immunization (e.g., monoclonal antibodies, immunoglobulins, etc.) have been areas that CIAN believes are critical in protecting immunocompromised individuals.

Our network offers a unique perspective as we represent a diverse range of patient groups from across Canada. Our current membership include, but not limited to: BC Lung Foundation, CLL Canada, Immunodeficiency Canada, Kidney Patient and Donor Alliance Canada; Transplant Ambassador Program, Lupus Canada, Vasculitis Foundation Canada, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada, Canadian Arthritis Patient Alliance, Ready for My Shot, Myeloma Canada, Safe Care ON, Immunocompromised People Are Not Expendable (IPANE), Colorectal Cancer Canada, Clinical Immunology Network Canada (CINC).

If at any point you or your colleagues are interested in meeting please let us know as we are passionate and committed to the wellbeing of immunocompromised Canadians and see NACI as a key player in helping protect our community.

Sincerely,



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