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TO: Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association
Saskatchewan Association of Licensed Practical Nurses
Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan
College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan
Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals
Saskatchewan College of Respiratory Therapists
Saskatchewan College of Paramedics

RE: **Directive: COVID-19 Immunization Following a Positive COVID-19 test or COVID-19 Disease**

The Chief Medical Health Officer has confirmed that delaying COVID-19 vaccine administration is no longer required if an individual has tested positive for COVID-19 or has had a previous COVID-19 illness, providing they have recovered and no longer need to be on isolation.

The following questions and answers have been prepared to assist with answering client questions.

1. **If I have tested positive for COVID-19, should I receive the COVID-19 vaccine?**
 - If you have not received your first dose of COVID-19 vaccine and have tested positive or have had previous COVID-19 disease, you should receive your first dose as long as you have recovered and no longer need to follow isolation requirements.
 - If you have received your first COVID-19 vaccine dose and then tested positive for COVID-19, you should receive your second dose within 4 months of your first dose, as long as you have recovered and no longer need to follow isolation requirements.
2. **Do I need both doses?**
 - Yes, for a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series, two doses are required for full protection.
3. **Do I need to wait to get my vaccine? How long do I need to wait?**
 - As long as you have recovered from COVID-19 disease and are no longer required to be on isolation, you can receive the COVID-19 vaccine as per the province's eligibility list.

Sincerely,



Dr. Saqib Shahab
Chief Medical Health Officer

