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Subject: RE: provincial and federal corrections inmate and staff vaccinations

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Dear CCMOH colleagues

Please advise if you have vaccinated all:

1. Provincial staff: yes, we had several outbreaks so offered all corrections staff vaccine a few weeks ago. Started with AZ when it became available and finished with Moderna
2. Federal staff: yes, as above, they have been eligible. Our understanding was that they were to be immunized by the province.
3. Provincial inmates and across all ages or as per age cut off: only by age/risk as they come in and out of provincial facilities so rapidly
4. Federal inmates and across all ages or as per age cut off: this is done federally. We had an outbreak in one institution (brought in from the guards) and offered AZ but CSC said no, they would provide Moderna.
5. Whether that has been done in anticipation or in response to outbreaks in corrections: They were a higher priority because of risk both personal and due to being in congregated settings and also because we had a series of outbreaks and when that happens they are really isolated and restricted to cells etc. so very difficult.
6. How could Astra Zeneca be used ethically and with informed consent in such situations. We suggested in the OB they be offered the choice but CSC made the decision not to

Thank you

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From: Worthington Dr. James (NHQ-AC) <Dr.James.Worthington@CSC-SCC.GC.CA>
Sent: March 29, 2021 12:08 PM
To: XT:HLTH Brodtkin, Elizabeth; Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: CSC collaboration with British Columbia's Provincial Public Health Units on COVID-19 Vaccination for CSC Institutional Staff

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Thanks for letting me know, Jim

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From: Brodtkin, Elizabeth Dr. [FH] <Elizabeth.Brodtkin@fraserhealth.ca>
Sent: March 29, 2021 12:28 PM
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Subject: RE: CSC collaboration with British Columbia's Provincial Public Health Units on COVID-19 Vaccination for CSC Institutional Staff

Hi Jim,

I am very sorry but we don't have any Moderna until the next shipment arrives mid-April.

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From: Worthington Dr. James (NHQ-AC) <Dr.James.Worthington@CSC-SCC.GC.CA>
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Good morning Bonnie, I wonder if you are receiving some Moderna this week would you consider providing sufficient doses for Kent, and CSC would provide the equivalent when we receive our allocation which should be by April 14th, many thanks for considering, Jim

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From: Worthington Dr. James (NHQ-AC)

Sent: March 28, 2021 12:25 PM

To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>

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Bonnie, this was a difficult decision. Multiple factors were taken into consideration, including not providing the option to individuals. A clinical ethicist was involved in our discussion, the decision revolved essentially around the difficulty to have a truly informed consent in a population that has issues of trust and hesitancy. We continue to manage and monitor the outbreak very closely and will remain open to all options, Kind regards Jim

-----Original Message-----

From: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 27, 2021 6:34 PM

To: Worthington Dr. James (NHQ-AC) <Dr.James.Worthington@CSC-SCC.GC.CA>

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I would consider Jim that these men are at very low risk of this rare adverse event (both because of their sex and also average age) but much higher risk of complications and severe illness from COVID which is a real and present danger at the moment. I would be concerned that they may believe withholding vaccine in the context of an outbreak in the facility without giving them the option is a greater risk.

Bonnie

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On Mar 27, 2021, at 2:22 PM, Worthington Dr. James (NHQ-AC) <Dr.James.Worthington@csc-scc.gc.ca> wrote:

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Hi Bonnie, Dr. Brodtkin

I was able to attend the webex today, as were a couple of other CSC colleagues. There has been a discussion since with local and national leadership. Presently the concerns noted below have only been amplified given the various presentations and commentary. The real risk of a serious AEFI can't be quantified & the clinical team would have real difficulty obtaining an informed consent when balancing the benefits of receiving AZ against the risk of waiting for Moderna, even in the present situation of staff cases. There obviously are going to be subsequent decisions/advice by NACI, PHAC and the various other international regulatory authorities, so the decision has been made to not proceed with AZ but wait for the Moderna which CSC should receive April 14th.

My apologies for causing more work for the Fraser Health team, but also our thanks for being very supportive of CSC, kind regards Jim

From: Worthington Dr. James (NHQ-AC)

Sent: March 26, 2021 2:15 PM

To: 'Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX' <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>; XT:HLTH Brodtkin, Elizabeth <elizabeth.brodtkin@fraserhealth.ca>

Subject: RE: CSC collaboration with British Columbia's Provincial Public Health Units on COVID-19 Vaccination for CSC Institutional Staff

Hi Bonnie, we have covered the grounds as regards federal access to Moderna. The decision re AZ is difficult knowing that Moderna will be available in 3 weeks for inmates. If offered it would need to be an explicit consent that recognizes the option to wait and the potential AEFI profile balanced against the potential for an outbreak. I'd appreciate discussing with either you or Dr Brodtkin. My cell is 6133017288, thanks Jim

From: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca<mailto:Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>>

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Given this is an outbreak Jim is there someone I can advocate to to get some supply from other federal agencies for this urgent issue? Or will you support us using Covishield in the facility? We have no Moderna in the province right now because of the shipment delay.
Bonnie

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Hi Bonnie, I've asked the team again this morning, unfortunately we have no access to any further Moderna vaccine till the next CSC allocation, which to our present knowledge, will be around April 12-14th, kind regards Jim

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Importance: High

Hi Jim,

It has just come to my attention we have an outbreak in the Kent institution in BC. The outbreak is in corrections staff who unfortunately travelled together and while most were immunized they had not yet developed immunity. Fraser Health has Astra Zeneca vaccine that we are prepared to use to protect the inmates in the facility but I understand you have Moderna coming for that population. Given the risk of the outbreak is it possible to get Moderna for those inmates ASAP? I believe there are a bit less than 300.

I have copied Dr Brodtkin who has been leading this for FH to assist.

My best,
Bonnie

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Thank you very much, Jim

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All corrections staff in Fraser Health have been eligible for vaccine for a few weeks, and many have been immunized already.

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Thanks James,

We have included CSC staff in our prioritization for the reasons you mention regarding outbreak risk and I am aware that some staff have been immunized already. I have copied the Chief MHOs in the regions where we have federal corrections facilities and Dr Reka Gustafson so we can coordinate ensuring the remaining CSC staff are covered.

My best,

Bonnie

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Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer British Columbia

Dear Bonnie,

Please see the attached letter in regards to CSC collaboration with British Columbia's Provincial Public Health units on COVID-19 Vaccination for CSC Institutional Staff.

I would be happy to discuss this further,

Kind regards,
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Subject: Highlights from March 8th FPT ADM Committee on Testing, Contact Tracing and Data Management
Attachments: FPT ADM Committee - 8 March 2021.pdf

Good afternoon,

Below are the highlights from the FPT ADM Committee on Testing, Contact Tracing and Data Management which took place earlier this afternoon. Actions items have been highlighted in yellow.

Update on Testing – Supply and Procurement: (Monique Frison, HC)

- Regulatory dept has approved extended shelf life for BD Veritor tests, applying to all tests sent to Canada including those received last year and those in inventory. By the end of this week, Canada will get 45,000 additional analyzers, which will help with the deployment those tests.
- Regarding Cepheid, HC has complied all inputs and will do more procurement decision-making but will provide conclusion soon.
- Health Canada will talk to Abbott re: ID Now to ask about extending shelf life from 6 months to one year.

Update on Workplace Screening (Chris Johnstone)

- The GoC is looking into a UK portal.
- Please advise Health Canada if there are plans for testing critical services, including those that serve vulnerable communities (e.g. volunteer firefighters, soup kitchen providers, etc.)
- HC is interested in knowing if PTs are supplying tests for staff at high-contact offices such as dental clinics, ultrasound facilities, or pharmacies.

Update on the COVID Alert App (Marc Fortin, HC)

- Approx 6.2 million people have signed up for the COVID Alert App in Canada. HC is looking to add additional languages on the app (currently it is offered in English and French); increase the metrics (e.g. breakdown by province/territory); and adding in QR codes so that users can use these to scan their location if they wish.

Guidance and Knowledge Sharing: (Nancy Hamzawi, HC)

- TAC is interested in any feedback on how to better engage on the Expert Panel reports (for example, by sharing materials such as rapid evidence reviews earlier).

- HC provided a summary of the guidance on rapid antigen tests: please let Health Canada know if there are any errors or omissions.

Roundtable:

- NWT has an excess of ID Now tests (between 8,000-10,000) that are approaching their expiry; please reach out if needed and the territory will pay for the shipping costs to the PTs that request it.

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