



Updated information and resources for Members relating to the *Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario (CMOH) announcement regarding mandatory COVID vaccination policies for high-risk settings dated 18th August 2021.*

It is the College's understanding that private practice healthcare professionals are not covered by this directive. It may be applicable to any Members who are contracted to provide professional services to an approved Agency/Institution under the Home Care and Community Services Act. The College recommends that Members not working in private practice who maybe unsure if their employer is an Agency/Institution under the Home Care and Community Services Act, to talk to their supervisor/superior to seek clarification and direction.

Mandatory vaccination and related matters are very fluid in Ontario at this time and Members continue to seek guidance on these challenging issues. The statement from the CMOH pertains to Directive #6 and further resources from the CMOH have been provided to assist. Attached are some resources pertaining to the mandatory vaccination directive which Members may find helpful, not only those working for agencies/institutions, but also Members in private practice. These resources address issues such as access to antigen test kits, education for Members and staff on Covid-19 and vaccinations.

After reviewing the provided information, Members who have remaining questions are encouraged to contact the temporary Practice Advisor at practice@cocoo.on.ca

Resources for Members re: vaccination materials

1. CMO Resource Guide document:
https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/directives/directive_6_policy_resource.pdf
2. Applying for free antigen test kits:
<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/provincial-antigen-screening-program>
3. Overview of the Provincial Antigen Screening Program
https://www.ontariohealth.ca/sites/ontariohealth/files/2021-03/Provincial%20Antigen%20Screening%20Program_FINAL.pdf
4. YouTube video of overview of provincial antigen screening program:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-JpsTjjWw98>



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5. Family & Community Medicine, University of Toronto; Covid Vaccination in Canada; an educational series for primary care professionals

<https://www.dfcu.utoronto.ca/covid19-vaccination-modules>