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MEMO

TO: Physicians and Nurse Practitioners

FROM: Dr. Janice Fitzgerald, Chief Medical Officer of Health

DATE: December 10, 2021

SUBJECT: UPDATE - Medical Exemptions for Proof of Vaccination Program (NLVaxPass)

To follow-up on the memo dated October 29, 2021, Medical Exemptions for Proof of Vaccination Program (NLVaxPass) – Update, please see enclosed detailed quick reference guides to support you in documenting medical exemptions to COVID-19 vaccination. We have also established [a dedicated webpage for health care professionals](#) involved in granting medical exemptions.

As noted previously, this workflow will allow COVID-19 vaccine medical exemptions to be documented and will be available for individuals with or without a valid MCP card. An exemption can be documented using the Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system or by using a form provided in the HEALThe NL system.

As noted in the EMR template and the PDF forms, medical exemptions will be considered only for patients who have a documented:

- Severe allergic reaction or anaphylaxis after a previous dose of an mRNA vaccine that cannot be mitigated (for example offering a viral vector vaccine).
- Severe allergic reaction or anaphylaxis to any of the components (including polyethylene glycol [PEG], tromethamine, and polysorbates) of the vaccine that cannot be mitigated (for example, by offering a viral vector vaccine).
- Diagnosed episode of myocarditis or pericarditis after receiving a dose of an mRNA vaccine.

Due to the IT outage, the development of QR codes for those with approved medical exemptions is delayed. The letters for individuals with valid MCP cards in EMR and HEALThe NL are updated to include a January 31, 2022 expiry date. By that time, there will be QR codes in place for those with a valid MCP card and approved medical exemptions. If not already completed, you are encouraged to connect with your patients in order to coordinate distribution of their updated medical exemption letters.