

MEMO

TO: Physicians and Nurse Practitioners

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

DATE: January 28, 2022

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

To follow-up on the memo dated December 10, 2021, UPDATE - Medical Exemptions for Proof of Vaccination Program (NLVaxPass), I am pleased to inform you that QR codes are now available for individuals with an approved medical exemption and a valid MCP card. If you previously provided an approved medical exemption, there is no further action required for you for that individual. Patients with approved medical exemptions can download their QR code via the [Vaccine Portal](#) or via NLVaxPass. They will have to ensure their NLVaxPass app is updated in order to add their QR code. Guidance can be found [here](#).

The detailed quick reference guides to support you in documenting medical exemptions to COVID-19 vaccination have been updated. The guides, along with other detailed information on medical exemptions, can be found [here](#).

As noted previously, this workflow allows 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.

Individuals who have a valid MCP card will no longer need a letter from you noting their approved medical exemption as they will be provided with a QR code.

For those using EMR:

- This letter will be removed from EMR in the next update in early February. Even though it is still available, you do not need to complete the letter for the individual.
- You do have to enter the medical exemption information into EMR. Following that, a QR code should be available for the individual to download the next day through the [Vaccine Portal](#) or via NLVaxPass. Guidance can be found [here](#).

For those using HEALTHe NL:

- The HEALTHe NL COVID Vax Exemption (MCP) form is updated and the letter is removed.
- There will be a delay in the individual receiving the QR code as you will need to complete the paperwork and courier it to the Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Health

Information (NLCHI). The information will be inputted into EMR as soon as it is received by NLCHI.

- To ensure individuals have timely access to their QR code, it is important that paperwork be completed and sent to NLCHI as soon as possible.
- The patient should be instructed to check for their QR code (through [Vaccine Portal](#) or via NL VaxPass) no sooner than three business days after their physician or nurse practitioner visit.
- Once received by NLCHI, a QR code should be available to download within one business day. If it is not updated, they should check back again in 24 hours and regularly thereafter.

Individuals with an approved medical exemption who do not have a valid MCP card will continue to use a letter as their proof of an approved medical exemption. You will need to continue providing letters to this group, as QR codes are not available for them at this time.