

Memorandum

Date: Updated 29 March 2021

To: Immunization providers

From: Regional Immunization Team

Re: **COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign: Screening for history of COVID-19 discontinued**

Situation/Background

At the start of the COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign in December 2020, individuals with lab-confirmed COVID-19 infection were only offered vaccine if it had been at least 3 months since recovery in the context of limited vaccine supply. **As of March 23, 2021: Screening for history of COVID-19 infection is no longer required across VCH.**

Action

Immunization providers no longer need to screen for previous history of lab-confirmed COVID-19 infection as part of the COVID-19 vaccine screening checklist process.

- Immunization providers can offer vaccination even if it has been less than 3 months since recovery of lab-confirmed COVID-19 infection
- Defer immunization to anyone who has been directed by Public Health to isolate as a case of COVID-19 or identified as a close contact (eg. currently on isolation/quarantine)

