

PRACTICE UPDATE

Influenza Education Requirements for Nurses Who Have Completed COVID-19 Vaccine Education

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SITE(S): VCH Community sites

SITUATION / BACKGROUND:

Required education for nurses administering influenza vaccine *without an order* ([Nurse Independent Activity - NIA](#)) are set out in the [VCH Immunization Practice Standard](#).

This year, nurses administering **COVID-19 vaccines** *without an order* have attained the basic competencies to carry out administration of COVID-19 vaccines through completion of the [BCCDC COVID-19 Immunization Competency Course for Nurses \(RNs, RPNs, LPNs\)](#). This course includes a condensed version of the [Understanding Autonomous Practice Course](#) and the [Provincial Anaphylaxis Education](#) that are **also** required education for administering influenza vaccine *without an order*.

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION:

For the 2021-2022 influenza campaign:

- Nurses who immunize clients* for influenza and have completed the *COVID-19 Immunization Course* are **NOT required** to complete the [Understanding Autonomous Practice Course](#) & the [Provincial Anaphylaxis Education](#).
- Additional **required** education includes:
 - **RNs/RPNs:** [Annual VCH Communicable Disease Seasonal Influenza Course](#)
 - **LPNs:** [Annual VCH Communicable Disease Seasonal Influenza Course](#) AND [BCCDC Immunization Competency Course for LPNs](#) (15hrs)

Notes:

- *This excludes RN/RPN/LPN *Peer Nurse Immunizers* who have PNI-specific educational requirements.

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