

SUBJECT: Statement of Medical Exemptions for COVID-19 Vaccine
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To: Primary Care Providers
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Medical exemptions for COVID-19 vaccines are required for eligible individuals who cannot receive the vaccine for valid medical conditions to obtain a QR-coded Ontario vaccine certificate. Medical exemptions must be completed by an Ontario physician or registered nurse in the extended class. Completed documents must be faxed to the local health unit by the medical practitioner. Documents submitted any other way will not be accepted.

Process for submitting completed medical exemptions:

- Patients who require a medical exemption must undergo a clinical assessment by an Ontario physician or registered nurse in the extended class to determine if they are at risk to receiving any COVID-19 vaccine.
- If a valid risk is confirmed, a medical exemption form should be completed which documents the valid exemption along with other information as set out in the [Statement of Medical Exemption](#) (attached).
- The practitioner must confirm, using the attached [Consent Form](#), that the patient consents to collection, use and disclosure of their personal health information to the local Public Health Unit, including any subsequent questions or communications between the practitioner and PHU as may be needed to clarify the exemption and create a record in COVax.
- The [Statement of Medical Exemption](#), and the signed [Consent Form](#), must be sent from the issuer of the exemption directly to Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health (WDGPH) RD Fax Line: 1-855-934-5463.
- If information is missing or unclear, WDGPH will follow up with the practitioner who issued the exemption and not the patient.
- If the outcome of the WDGPH review is that the medical exemption request does not meet the eligibility requirements set out by the Province, WDGPH will notify the practitioner who issued the exemption request of the denial and the rationale.
- If the medical practitioner feels the denial was made in error, they can make a request to the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health by emailing covid.immunization@ontario.ca to request a review of the exemption request.
- Valid exemptions will be entered into COVax by WDGPH.
- Once entered, WDGPH will communicate directly with patients to let them know they may access their enhanced vaccine certificate from the provincial COVID-19 vaccination portal.

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- The following documents are attached for your use and reference:
 - [Consent Form](#)
 - [Statement of Medical Exemption](#)
 - [Medical Exemptions to COVID-19 Vaccination \(September 2021\)](#)¹

References:

1. Ontario Ministry of Health. Exemptions to COVID-19 Vaccination – Version 2.0. December 31, 2021. Available from:
https://health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/vaccine/medical_exemptions_to_vaccination.pdf

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