

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All HPEI Staff & Physicians  
**FROM:** Allison Wyatt, Director, Occupational Health, Safety & Wellness  
**DATE:** October 4, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** 2023 – 2024 COVID-19 and Influenza Immunization Update  
Respiratory Illness Season Policy and Protocol

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Health PEI is committed to the protection of our employees, physicians, students, volunteers, and contract workers by providing free seasonal influenza and covid-19 vaccine to all employees, physicians, students, volunteers, and contract workers. This is essential to prevent the transmission of influenza and COVID-19 and to decrease the risk of outbreaks.

The Provincial Employee Health Nursing team is pleased to be offering concurrent Influenza and COVID-19 immunization clinics across the province throughout the months of October and November ([calendar is enclosed](#)). All immunization clinics are open to all staff.

Individuals who have been previously vaccinated with a full series may be offered a dose of the COVID-19 monovalent vaccine if it has been 6 months since their last COVID-19 vaccine or COVID-19 infection (whichever is later).

If you receive a COVID-19 and or influenza vaccine at a [community pharmacy, your healthcare provider's office, or a Public Health nursing community clinic](#), you are required to have your healthcare provider complete the [attached validation form](#) (instructions for how to submit are on the attached form).

Also included in this communication is the new Respiratory Illness (COVID-19 and Influenza) Immunization and Management Policy. This policy eliminates the current COVID-19 and Influenza Immunization and Management Policies.

Highlighted changes include:

- The removal of the 5-day work restriction for COVID positive staff
- The removal of testing requirements for COVID-19
- The removal of the vaccinate or mask policy for Influenza

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your leader or a member of your Provincial Employee Health Nursing Team at [hpeiemployeehealth@ihis.org](mailto:hpeiemployeehealth@ihis.org)

Information can also be found on the Staff Resource Centre, Occupational Health, Safety & Wellness page <https://src.healthpei.ca/respiratory-illness-guidance-documentation-protocol>

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the prevention of respiratory illnesses within our facilities and communities.

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**Enclosure:**

1. [October & November 2023 Vaccine Calendar](#)
2. [Validation of Influenza and or COVID-19 Vaccine – 2023-2024](#)
3. [Respiratory Illness \(COVID-19 and Influenza\) Immunization and Management Policy](#)
4. [Health PEI Staff Physician Respiratory Illness Reporting and Work Restriction Protocol](#)