

## COVID-19 Vaccine Questions and Answers (Q&A) December 14, 2020

### **1. Where can I get the COVID-19 vaccine?**

Employees identified to receive the initial vaccine will be contacted by public health and will receive the vaccine at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH).

### **2. Who decides who gets the vaccine?**

The COVID Vaccine Steering Committee with the Chief Public Health Office has identified health care workers who will initially receive the vaccine within the National Advisory Committee guidance. The decision is made using the guidance from the National Advisory Committee on Immunization.

### **3. What do I need to bring with me when receiving the COVID-19 vaccine?**

Employees are advised to bring their health card, two pieces of ID (including their employee photo ID), and their immunization form for COVID-19 when arriving for their appointment.

### **4. Is the COVID-19 vaccine mandatory for Health PEI employees**

No; however, it is encouraged all employees receive the vaccine. Any exceptions for vaccination will be identified by public health such as certain allergies, pregnancy, and so on.

### **5. If I choose not get the vaccine, is there any recourse?**

HCWs who have refused the Covid-19 immunization and have signed the Acknowledgement of Immunization Form must wear a mask at all times while at work. Employees working in direct patient care are required to wear medical masks at all times at work.

### **6. Is there a cost to receiving the COVID-19 vaccine?**

No, there is no cost to the employee to receive the vaccine.

### **7. Will I be paid for travel time/mileage as a health care worker going to get the vaccine during a regular scheduled shift?**

Yes, you will be compensated for your time and mileage as per your collective agreement.

**8. Will I be paid for travel time / mileage as a health care worker going to get my vaccine if I am not scheduled to work during my appointment time?**

Yes, you will be compensated as per the call back article of your collective agreement.

**9. Once I have the vaccine, do I still have to follow public health precautions?**

Employees will still be required to follow the directives of the Chief Public Health Office and Health PEI even after receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

**10. Do I use my out of area appointment time to travel to my vaccine appointment? What if I do not have any time in this bank?**

No, employees do not have to use out of area appointment time travel to travel to their vaccine appointment.