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Dear Colleagues

**Re: The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan (CPSS) expectations of physicians who are not fully vaccinated and delivering in-person patient care.**

At its November 19 and 20, 2021 meeting, the Council of the CPSS adopted the following expectation statement, based on the College's [Code of Ethics](#) and [Code of Conduct](#):

**For the duration of the pandemic<sup>1</sup>, all physicians who are not fully vaccinated<sup>2</sup> against Covid-19 and are providing in-person care<sup>3</sup>, must proactively declare<sup>4</sup> this status to patients requiring in-person care**

This will apply to any service delivery locations outside of the [Saskatchewan Health Authority](#), or any other location where [proof of vaccination](#) is not required.

1. ***Duration of the pandemic:***

For as long as the [State of Emergency](#) for Covid-19 from the Government of Saskatchewan remains in effect for the province.

2. ***Not fully vaccinated:***

Less than two immunizations with any of the [recognized vaccines](#) required for immunity or (one dose of an approved single-dose vaccine will count as fully vaccinated.)

3. ***In-person care:***

Any situation where care is delivered where the physician will be in close proximity to patients when care is delivered, or where situations exist where any in-person contact may be expected.

4. ***Proactively declare:***

Where a patient contacts a physician's office to arrange for in-person care (by phone, e-mail, or any other communication modality), that the office staff must advise the patient that the physician is not fully immunized, and that the patient will be given the choice whether to see the physician.

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and guiding the profession to achieve the highest standards of care***

While it is not part of the expected declaration, the College encourages physicians who have not been fully vaccinated to advise patients about other measures that the physician has taken to limit the possibility of patient exposure to Covid-19. That could include any of the following:

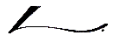
- That the physician will take all reasonable measure to prevent or limit the possible spread of the Covid-19 virus (Personal Protective Equipment, for both the patient and the physician),
- That the physician utilizes regular [screening and testing](#) to confirm Covid-19 status,
- That all [isolation measures as required by the Ministry of Health](#) will be followed related to exposure and illness.

In a situation where episodic/walk-in or services without appointment are provided, that the office staff will inform the patient upon presentation, prior to exposure to the physician who is not fully vaccinated. The patient may then decide to request the services of another physician, or obtain care elsewhere, unless a medical emergency exist.

If a physician is not fully vaccinated and emergent care provision is required, the expectation is that all reasonable precautionary measures (e.g., full PPE) will be implemented.

Physicians are reminded that even when fully immunized, that all other [Public Health Measures](#) be followed.

Sincerely,



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