



## NANB and NBNU's Position on the COVID-19 Immunization

Immunizations have a significant and positive impact on the health of our population. Widespread vaccination shortens the duration of disease outbreaks, maintains public safety, reduces the burden on the health care system and keeps health care providers safe to care for their patients, clients and residents in need.

The Nurses Association of New Brunswick (NANB) in conjunction with the New Brunswick Nurses Union (NBNU) recommends that nurses<sup>1</sup> be vaccinated against COVID-19. While we recognize that this decision is ultimately up to each individual, NANB and NBNU encourages nurses to use their knowledge, ethical frameworks and current science-based sources as the foundation for their decision.

The knowledge about COVID-19 and related vaccines is continuously evolving. Nurses should scrutinize all sources of information and only disseminate information from peer-reviewed and credible scientific sources.

### COVID-19 Vaccine Administration: Key Regulatory Facts

- Administering the COVID-19 vaccine is within the scope of practice of all nurses, as well as other health care providers.
- Nurses with the appropriate knowledge, skill and judgment may administer the COVID-19 vaccine.
- An authorizing mechanism, such as a direct order or directive, is required to enable nurses to administer the vaccine.

### Additional Resources

[Public Health Agency of Canada](#)

[Government of Canada](#)

[Government of New Brunswick](#)

[NACI Recommendations on the Use of COVID-19 Vaccine\(s\)](#)

[CFNU Information on COVID-19 and Updates](#)

[Fact Sheet: Administering Vaccines](#)

If you have any questions, contact a NANB Nurse Consultant at 1-800-442-4417/506-458-8731 or by email [nanb@nanb.nb.ca](mailto:nanb@nanb.nb.ca).

*Adapted by the Nova Scotia College of Nursing*

<sup>1</sup>The term “nurses” refers to all NANB and NBNU members, including graduate nurses, registered nurses, and nurse practitioners.