



COVID-19 Immunization: NANB statement from Board of Directors

Nurses are health care leaders in New Brunswick communities. As such, statements made by nurses with members of the public, and in public forums have the potential to impact the health and safety of the public.

When a patient or client asks for your advice or opinion on COVID-19 immunization, they see you as a trusted resource because of your professional designation. In keeping with this and in adherence to the NANB Standards of Nursing Practice, it is expected that you will provide advice that is:

- within your scope of practice
- evidence-informed
- aligned with provincial Public Health Guidance, such as prevention and protection measures, including vaccinations, masking, hand washing and social distancing.

The New Brunswick government recently provided very clear direction regarding the need for COVID-19 vaccination (https://www.scribd.com/document/521977714/Update-on-vaccination-policy-for-GNB-employees#from_embed) In continuing to follow direction provided by New Brunswick Public Health on safety measures against the coronavirus, the Nurses Association of New Brunswick (NANB) encourages registered nurses and nurse practitioners to get vaccinated for COVID-19, unless medically exempted. By receiving COVID-19 immunization, RNs and NPs not only protect themselves, they also protect those around them.

NANB is mandated through the Nurses Act of New Brunswick to regulate the nursing profession to support the provision of safe, competent, and ethical care to the public. Becoming COVID-19 immunized is one way NB nurses can demonstrate a safe, ethical approach to nursing care.