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Moderna Spikevax™ COVID-19 Vaccine

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1. Is your child feeling ill today?

- Do not attend a public immunization clinic if you have any new or worsening respiratory symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose).

2. Have they had a previous COVID-19 infection?

- **For children 6 months to 4 years of age:**
 - » a primary series dose should be given at least 8 weeks after the start of symptoms or a positive test (if the child had no symptoms). This may be shortened to 4 weeks for children considered moderately to severely immunocompromised.
- **For children 5 years old:**
 - » Immunization with a COVID-19 vaccine dose in a primary series should be given at least 3 months after infection.
 - » Immunization with a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose should be given at least 6 months after infection.
 - » More time between infection and vaccination is recommended to ensure a strong immune response.

3. Are they allergic to any components in the vaccine including polyethylene glycol (PEG) or tromethamine / tromethamine hydrochloride?

- Polyethylene glycol (PEG) can be found in some products such as cosmetics, skin care products, laxatives, cough syrups, bowel preparation products for colonoscopy, and some foods and drinks.
- Tromethamine or tromethamine hydrochloride (also known as TRIS) is an organic compound used in cosmetic creams and lotions, mineral oil and paraffin wax emulsions. It is also used as a medication to treat a condition called metabolic acidosis.

4. Do they have a history of myocarditis (inflammation of the heart) or pericarditis (inflammation of the lining of the heart) not related to COVID-19 immunization?

- This is not a contraindication to being immunized with COVID-19 vaccines.

5. Do they have a history of myocarditis (inflammation of the heart) or pericarditis (inflammation of the lining of the heart) after getting a dose of mRNA COVID-19 vaccine?

- As a precautionary measure, additional mRNA COVID-19 vaccine doses should be deferred in individuals who developed myocarditis or pericarditis following a dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine until more information is available. **If an individual is at high risk of being infected with COVID-19 due to community transmission or of severe illness due to an underlying condition, then a decision to get an additional dose should be made in consultation with the individual's physician (cardiologist if possible) with the individual's informed consent.**

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6. Do they have any problems with their immune system or are they taking any medications/ treatment that can affect the immune system (e.g., high dose steroids, chemotherapy)?

- Studies from around the world show COVID-19 vaccines are safe for people with immune system conditions.
- The vaccine immune response may not be as strong for people with immune system conditions due to disease or treatment compared to people who do not have immune system conditions.
- For transplant recipients, it is preferred to contact your health care provider to determine the optimal time to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.
- For persons receiving immunosuppressive medications it is preferred they consult the prescribing healthcare provider to determine the optimal timing to receive the vaccine.
- Moderately to severely compromised individuals receive a 3-dose primary series given 28 days to 8 weeks apart.

7. Do they have an autoimmune disease?

- Studies from around the world shows COVID-19 vaccines are safe for people with an autoimmune disease.
- For persons with any autoimmune condition that involves the neurological system it is preferred they discuss this with their primary physician or specialist prior to immunization with COVID-19 vaccine.

8. Have they received monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma for prevention or treatment of COVID-19 infection?

- Vaccination with a dose of COVID-19 vaccine should be delayed for at least 90 days after treatment.

9. Do they have a bleeding disorder or are they taking any medications that could affect blood clotting?

- If yes, apply direct pressure (without rubbing) to the injection site for 5 minutes or longer following immunization.

10. Have they ever felt faint or fainted after a past vaccination or medical procedure?

- If yes, consider having them lie down for the immunization.

11. Did they have any side effects after a previous dose of COVID-19 vaccine?

- If client had a serious or allergic reaction to a previous dose of COVID-19 vaccine, they should not be vaccinated until it is determined to be safe by an allergist or other health care provider.

12. Have they had a serious reaction to any other vaccine in the past?

- If client had a serious or allergic reaction to any other vaccine in the past, they should not be vaccinated until it is determined to be safe by a Medical Health Officer.