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Public Notification Regarding Immunization Data Migration in COVAX-ON to Panorama

Attention: Physicians, Nurse and Nurse Practitioners, Walk-In Clinics/Urgent Care Clinics, Midwives, EMS, Community Health Centres, Family Health Teams, Ontario Health Teams, Ontario Health Central, Indigenous Health Care & Community, Corrections Facilities, Long-Term Care Facilities, Retirement Homes, Hospital Pharmacies, Hospital Occupational Health Nurses, Infection Prevention & Control Practitioners, Pharmacies, Municipalities

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As has been shared previously, the COVAX-ON immunization information system that was used to document all COVID-19 vaccine doses in Ontario was decommissioned in March 2026. All COVID-19 immunization administration data that was stored in COVAX-ON was migrated over into the existing provincial immunization information system, Panorama. Until recently, only public health units in Ontario have had access to Panorama.

To facilitate the ongoing provision of COVID-19 vaccination in Ontario, a new web tool has also been developed called Panorama Guided Workflow, to allow health care providers administering COVID-19 vaccine to document COVID-19 vaccine administration and in addition to view patients' immunization history from Panorama when providing care to them.

As the Ministry of Health was the health information custodian of COVID-19 vaccine information in COVAX-ON, the Ministry of Health is now an additional health information custodian for immunization records in Panorama.

The attached posters have been provided by the Ministry of Health to notify the public of this change. Health care providers in Ontario are asked to display this poster in your clinics or facilities so that individuals are aware of the new changes in Panorama custodianship, and to provide instruction on how an individual can withdraw their consent for the collection of their personal health information, through Panorama Guided Workflow, for the purposes of care provision.

For more information, contact the Immunization Program at 705-721-7520 or toll free at 1-877-721-7520.

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NOTICE ABOUT YOUR IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION IN PANORAMA

Changes are being made to how immunization records in Panorama are managed in Ontario. This notice explains what is changing, how it may benefit you, and the choices you have regarding your personal health information. Your personal health information continues to be protected under Ontario's privacy laws.

What is changing?

The Ministry of Health is now an additional health information custodian for immunization records in Panorama, Ontario's secure electronic provincial immunization system used by public health units. COVID-19 vaccination records have also been migrated to Panorama. A new web tool has been developed, called Panorama Guided Workflow, to allow health care providers to view your immunization history in one place when providing care to you.

How does this benefit you?

Having immunization records in one place helps health care providers access a more complete immunization history when providing care to you. This can support informed immunization decisions and help avoid missing or duplicate immunizations.

Your choice

You can choose not to allow any health care provider to access your immunization history through Panorama Guided Workflow when they are providing care to you. To do so, contact your local public health unit to withdraw your consent. Once your consent is withdrawn, all health care providers will no longer be able to view your immunization history through Panorama Guided Workflow.

Choosing to withdraw your consent will not affect your ability to receive care or immunization services and it will not affect immunization requirements for school attendance under the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*.

AVIS AU SUJET DES RENSEIGNEMENTS SUR VOTRE IMMUNISATION DANS PANORAMA

Des changements sont apportés à la méthode de gestion des dossiers d'immunisation dans Panorama en Ontario. Cet avis explique ces changements, leurs avantages pour vous et les options à votre disposition pour vos renseignements personnels sur la santé. Vos renseignements personnels sur la santé continuent d'être protégés en vertu des lois ontariennes sur la protection de la vie privée.

Qu'est-ce qui change?

Le ministère de la Santé est maintenant un dépositaire supplémentaire des renseignements sur la santé pour les dossiers d'immunisation dans Panorama, le système électronique et sécurisé d'immunisation de la province de l'Ontario utilisé par les bureaux de santé publique. Les dossiers d'immunisation contre la COVID-19 ont également été migrés vers Panorama. Un nouvel outil en ligne, appelé le flux de travail guidé Panorama, a été élaboré afin de permettre aux fournisseurs de soins de santé de consulter vos antécédents de vaccination à un seul endroit quand ils vous prodiguent des soins.

Quels en sont les avantages pour vous?

Conserver les dossiers d'immunisation à un seul endroit permet aux fournisseurs de soins de santé d'accéder à des antécédents de vaccination plus complets quand ils vous prodiguent des soins. Cela peut éclairer les décisions concernant l'immunisation et éviter les vaccinations manquantes ou en double.

Votre choix

Vous pouvez choisir de ne pas autoriser un fournisseur de soins de santé à accéder à vos antécédents de vaccination par le biais du flux de travail guidé Panorama quand il vous prodigue des soins. À cette fin, communiquez avec votre bureau de santé publique local pour retirer votre consentement. Une fois votre consentement retiré, aucun fournisseur de soins de santé ne pourra plus consulter vos antécédents de vaccination par le biais du flux de travail guidé Panorama.

Choisir de retirer votre consentement n'aura aucune incidence sur votre capacité de recevoir des soins ou des services de vaccination ni sur les exigences scolaires en matière de vaccination en vertu de la *Loi sur l'immunisation des élèves*.