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Statement on COVID-19 Vaccinations and Pregnant and Breastfeeding Women

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The Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians (CAEP) understands that some centres across Canada are excluding pregnant or breastfeeding women who want to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. This unfairly denies access to vaccines to many women, including Emergency Physicians, who are at a high risk of infection from COVID-19.

CAEP agrees with the [statement](#) released by our colleagues at the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologist of Canada (SOGC) that this is an incorrect and unnecessarily restrictive interpretation of the [National Advisory Committee on Immunization \(NACI\) guidance](#). This is supported by the fact that several vaccination centres in Canada are not being restrictive but are following the full NACI recommendation regarding risk assessment and informed consent.

CAEP urges all vaccination centres to follow the advice from the SOGC Consensus Statement: "For individuals who are at high risk of infection and/or morbidity from COVID-19, it is the SOGC's position that the documented risk of not getting the COVID-19 vaccine outweighs the theorized and undescribed risk of being vaccinated during pregnancy or while breastfeeding and vaccination should be offered."

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