

CTS urges all levels of government to mandate vaccination for health care workers

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Ottawa, O.N. – Today the Canadian Thoracic Society (CTS) joins the call for all levels of government to mandate COVID-19 vaccination for health care workers across Canada.

The Canadian Thoracic Society is Canada's national society for respirologists, respiratory healthcare professionals and respiratory scientists. Members of CTS have been working on the frontlines of this pandemic since the beginning. They also work each day with some of the most vulnerable populations in Canada as the fight against COVID-19 continues.

“The CTS has stood up for its members and vulnerable Canadians throughout the pandemic. Supporting mandatory vaccination for health care workers is another critical part of protecting our communities and advancing the fight against COVID-19,” said Dr. Paul Hernandez, CTS President.

Vaccination is the single most effective way to reduce deaths and severe illness from COVID-19. This is why CTS is proud to join the collective call from health care organizations and societies across Canada for all levels of government to mandate vaccination for health care workers, with strategies to optimize vaccine access and acceptance.

“As Canada continues to live with and fight against COVID-19, we must all do our part to halt the spread of this virus and protect both our health care workforce and the systems of care that are serving our most vulnerable populations by getting vaccinated,” said Janet Sutherland, CTS Executive Director.

The CTS looks forward to continuing to support its members throughout the challenges of the pandemic and working with all levels of government to implement mandatory vaccination policies for health care workers across Canada.

The full statement on the Canadian Thoracic Society's position on mandatory vaccination for health care workers is available here: <https://cts-sct.ca/covid-19/>.

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About the Canadian Thoracic Society

The Canadian Thoracic Society (CTS) is Canada's national specialty society for respirology that brings together specialists, researchers, educators and healthcare professionals working in respiratory, critical care, and sleep medicine. The CTS advances lung health by enhancing the ability of healthcare professionals through leadership, collaboration, research, learning and advocacy, and providing the best respiratory practices in Canada.

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