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Dear partner,

Under Nova Scotia's COVID-19 vaccine mandate announced September 29, Nova Scotia Health employees, physicians, learners and volunteers must be fully vaccinated by November 30. The mandate also applies to those who provide services within Nova Scotia Health, including contractors, vendors and suppliers.

As a valued business partner, we are writing to ensure you are aware of the requirement to ensure that only fully vaccinated workers, or those with an approved exception, are assigned to Nova Scotia Health facilities as of November 30. This means they must have received a second dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccine by November 16. It is your responsibility to confirm the vaccination status of your employees and to notify us if you are assigning an employee with an approved exception. These workers may be required to follow additional infection prevention and control measures while on site to ensure the health and safety of our patients and teams. Nova Scotia Health reserves the right to audit proof of vaccination on a case-by-case basis. Non-compliance with these requirements may impact our business relationship with you, up to and including the termination of our contract(s).

Since the start of the pandemic, Nova Scotia Health has prioritized the health, safety and wellness of our patients and teams. Vaccination is recognized as the cornerstone for preventing or decreasing the effects of COVID-19 for those at high risk of serious illness or death from COVID-19 infection and related complications. Vaccines approved for use in Canada are proven to be safe and effective for most people and protect against severe disease, hospitalization and death due to COVID-19. Mandatory vaccination is another way we can help prevent the introduction and transmission of COVID-19 within our facilities. Our goals are to protect the vulnerable patients under our care and each other and meet our obligations to provide a health and safety workplace under the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

We thank you for your support and cooperation.

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