

**Deputy Ministers Vaccine Engagement Committee Meeting  
October 1, 2020**

**Confirming the Work underway**

- Current work underway in preparation for vaccine roll-out is addressing the following questions.
- We would like to review the list of topics to identify and omissions or adjustments and confirm the list.
- A presentation on the approach to each question is in preparation for use the week of October 5, 2020.

**Current issues / questions being addressed include:**

**Topic 1: Vaccine Supply**

- Which are our priority vaccine candidates and in what order?
  - Canada is well set up with options – we have advanced purchase agreements for up to 7 vaccine candidates – but with widely different characteristics and logistical requirements
  - Which vaccines will be authorized for early use in Canada?
  - Can we make choices to focus national planning and preparatory effort?

**Topic 2: Engagement and Communications with Canadians**

- Who are our key partners and how do we engage and enroll them.
- Who are our key communications targets and what are our messages (professionals and public)?
  - Which target population segments, which messages, which pathways to reach them, what do we need to start right now?

**Topic 3: Vaccine Use/Guidance**

- Which target population segments should be prioritized for early immunization, and in what order?
  - Canada has a well-established expert advisory committee (National Advisory Committee on Immunization) advising FPT governments on vaccine use – and PTs have well established practices for targeting vaccine programs to selected populations.
  - What advice is required and from whom?
    - NACI provides guidance on vaccine use
    - FPT Canadian Immunization Committee comprising immunization program experts

- Additional advice needed on: health care and public health considerations for vaccine roll-out

#### **Topic 4: Vaccine Allocation, Storage, and Delivery**

- What shipment logistics and infrastructure are required and when?
  - Logistics include moving and distributing 2x doses to 38M Canadians, and so physical logistics and skilled human resources, but also customs, liability, security, IT (electronic systems for tracking)

#### **Topic 5: Vaccine Administration (Role of PT Governments)**

- What capacity/infrastructure exists locally within PTs to deliver immunization programs across the country?
  - PTs have a range of public and private providers and delivery sites including public clinics, doctors offices, schools, pharmacies, etc.
  - Which infrastructure works best for each vaccine candidate and target populations?

#### **Topic 6: Vaccine Monitoring**

- How will we know the vaccine is safe and effective in real-world use?
  - Canada has a vaccine safety system to monitor for adverse reactions
- How will we know who has been fully vaccinated?

#### **Topic 7: Federal/Provincial/Territorial Governance & Management**

- Best approach to establish positive rhythm with PTs on shared governance?
- How will we manage coordination?
- What support should be provided to provinces and territories? Is a Vaccine Deployment Agreement akin to Safe Restart needed?

**Others?**