

## Changing the Way We Work

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*Curated answers from CoP guests, panelists and co-hosts to the top five in-session questions posed by participants, based on current guidance and information available at the time.*

### **For people from other countries who cannot locate immunization records, is it ok to give them an MMR?**

If a patient's immunization records are unavailable or unreliable, vaccination is recommended.

### **Is there a maximum interval between MMR doses?**

There is no maximum interval, as long as there has been a minimum of 28 days between doses.

### **Do people born before 1970 but outside Canada also count as immune?**

Not necessarily, only those born before 1970 in Canada are presumed immune. Others may need serology or vaccination.

### **Can MMR be given to someone who is breastfeeding?**

Yes, MMR can be given safely to breastfeeding women.

### **Can MMR be given after a recent blood transfusion?**

It depends on the product. In general, the MMR vaccine should be delayed by 3 to 11 months after blood products containing antibodies.

*These additional questions and comments were answered live during the session. To view responses, please refer to the session recording.*

- Ureaplasma when to treat or not: isn't it implicated in infertility?
- Some daycares are requiring serology for measles despite adequate immunization. Can you comment on this please?
- I recently read that the FDA may not approve any more COVID-19 boosters moving forward. What is Canada's COVID-19 vaccine plan moving forward?
- When will HPV testing be approved for men? Head and neck cancer is a major risk.
- My understanding is live vaccines are still contraindicated for immunocompromised patients. Is this true?
- How long before/after pregnancy should someone receive the MMR vaccine?
- Should we be recommending that our senior patients receive the COVID-19 vaccine again if it's been six months since their last one, or should they wait for a new version of a COVID-19 vaccine?
- Should we be recommending that children get their second MMR before age four?
- Do you have a one pager on who should receive the MMR booster?
- If a patient's serology shows they are immune to rubella, mumps, but not to measles, is an MMR booster indicated?
- What is the likelihood contracting measles in fully vaccinated kids?
- Are you seeing measles cases in those born before 1970? Given that that age group is supposed to have herd immunity.
- Why can't we vaccinate babies under six months?
- Is there advice for older people born before 1970 with no known history of measles? Should they have one dose of the MMR vaccine?
- Is treatment for gonorrhea now Ceftriaxone 500mg IM (2 x 250mg syringes)?
- Please share treatment for genital warts.
- How can we promise full confidentiality when some diseases are reportable?
- Does the standard set of STI tests include Ureaplasma and mycoplasma tests?
- Which STIs are reportable to public health? How do you counsel patients about this prior to ordering the test?
- When to test for mycoplasma genitalium?
- What is the recommended test for trichomonas?
- Can you comment on Ureaplasma and trich testing and treatment?
- If a patient has new confirmed herpes on viral swab of an ulcer, but has not had any new partners in a long time, is it possible they have had it for a long time and just presenting now?
- Can you comment on the utility of HSV serology?