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**Date:** March 26, 2021

**To:** All Physicians/Clinicians

**From:** Dr. Kamran Azar, Pathologist, NH Medical Lead

**Re:** Administration of COVID-19 vaccine for patients on IVIG/SCIG therapy

There have been inquiries regarding when to administer COVID-19 vaccine to patients currently on immunoglobulin therapy such as intravenous or subcutaneous Ig therapy.

This question has been discussed with hematopathologist IVIG leads in the province. Based on the information provided by the United States Center for Disease Control (see link and excerpt below), there is no preferred minimum interval for vaccination against COVID-19 in patients receiving monthly IVIG infusion. However, some hematopathologists/immunologists prefer to vaccinate these individuals mid-cycle. This is not going to be an issue with weekly SCIG administration.

“For people receiving antibody therapies not specific to COVID-19 treatment (e.g., intravenous immunoglobulin, RhoGAM), administration of COVID-19 vaccines either simultaneously with or at any interval before or after receipt of an antibody-containing product is unlikely to substantially impair development of a protective antibody response. Thus, there is no recommended minimum interval between antibody therapies not specific to COVID-19 treatment and COVID-19 vaccination.”  
(<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/clinical-considerations.html#underlying-conditions>)

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