Fit To Immunize Assessment for COVID-19 Vaccine

The following list of questions should be asked prior to each immunization visit. Based on client responses, further nursing assessment of the individual’s health status may be required prior to immunization. Refer to Standard on the Contraindications and Precautions Related to Immunization for further detail.

1. Are you well today?
   o **Rationale:** Minor acute illness with or without fever would not be a contraindication.

2. Do you have any allergies?
   o **Rationale:** Known anaphylactic hypersensitivity to any component of COVID-19 vaccine would be a contraindication.

3. Have you ever had a reaction to a vaccine?
   o **Rationale:** To determine if there is any contraindication to administration of COVID-19 vaccine.

4. Do you take any medications regularly?
   o **Rationale:** To identify medications that may be a precaution to receiving COVID-19 vaccine or render vaccine less effective.

5. Have you received any doses of COVID-19 vaccine previously?
   o **Rationale:** To identify if individual has received any doses of vaccine from another provider and to provide the correct vaccine for second dose.

6. Have you had a COVID-19 infection in the past 90 days?
   o **Rationale:** To identify if individual has been infected with COVID-19 in the past 90 days to provide guidance on suggested intervals between infection and COVID-19 immunization.

7. Do you have a health condition that has required a recent doctor’s visit or will require a doctor’s visit on a regular basis?
   o **Rationale:** To identify medical conditions that may be a precaution to receiving COVID-19 vaccine; to identify immediate/upcoming surgery.

8. Do you have an autoimmune condition or are you immunocompromised?
   o **Rationale:** To identify a precaution to COVID-19 vaccine.

   COVID-19 vaccine may be offered to individuals in the eligible group who are immunosuppressed due to disease or treatment and those with an auto-immune disorder if a risk assessment with their primary health care provider or medical specialist determines that the benefits outweigh the potential risks.

   With the exception of SOT and HSCT clients, the individual may also be immunized without consulting their primary health care provider or medical specialist following their acknowledgment of the risks mentioned above and the absence of evidence on the use of COVID-19 vaccine in these populations.

9. Are you pregnant?
   o **Rationale:** To identify a precaution to viral vector COVID-19 vaccine.

   The safety and efficacy of mRNA COVID-19 vaccine in pregnant women has not yet been established in clinical trials, however preliminary data on mRNA vaccines administered in pregnancy is now available from post marketing surveillance with no safety signals detected. mRNA COVID-19 vaccine may be offered to individuals in the eligible group who are pregnant.

   The safety and efficacy of viral vector COVID-19 vaccine in pregnant women has not yet been established. Viral vector Covid-19 vaccine may be offered to individuals in the eligible group who are pregnant if a risk assessment with their primary health care provider or obstetrician determines that the benefits outweigh the potential risks for the woman and fetus.

   - However, the individual may also be immunized without consulting their primary health care provider or obstetrician following their acknowledgment of:
     - the absence of evidence on the use of a viral vector COVID-19 vaccine in this population, and
     - the preference for pregnant women to receive an mRNA vaccine due to published safety data and concerns about the complexities of the treatment of Vaccine-Induced Immune Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia in pregnancy should it occur after immunization.
10. Are you breastfeeding?
   o Rationale: To provide appropriate information for informed consent.
     • It is unknown whether mRNA COVID-19 Vaccine is excreted in human milk as breastfeeding individuals were excluded from the initial trials. A risk to the newborns/infants cannot be excluded.
     • However, based on how these vaccines work, COVID-19 vaccines are not expected to be a risk to lactating individuals or their breastfed newborns/infants.
     • COVID-19 vaccine can be offered to individuals in the eligible group who are breastfeeding.
       ▪ It is recommended that individuals consult with their primary health care provider or medical specialist for any vaccine related questions or concerns.
       ▪ However, consultation with a primary health care provider or medical specialist is not required to receive COVID-19 vaccine.