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HSN: \_\_\_\_\_

**RE: Benefit/Risk Information for Breastfeeding Women**

**Receiving \_\_\_\_\_ COVID-19 Vaccine**

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According to the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) with the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), COVID-19 vaccine should not be offered to breastfeeding women until further evidence is available. However, a complete series of COVID-19 vaccine may be offered to breastfeeding women in the authorized age group if a risk assessment deems that the benefits outweigh the potential risks for the individual and the newborn/infant, and if informed consent includes discussion about the absence of evidence on safety and efficacy in the use of COVID-19 vaccine in this population.

There are few studies about the efficacy or safety regarding COVID-19 vaccines given to breastfeeding women and the effects on their breastfeeding infants. It is unknown whether COVID-19 vaccine components are passed through breastmilk and potential risk to the newborn/infant cannot be excluded.

According to the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada (SOGC), for women who are at high risk of infection and/or morbidity from COVID-19, it is the SOGC's position that the documented risk of not getting the COVID-19 vaccine outweighs the theorized and undescribed risk of being vaccinated while breastfeeding and vaccination should be offered.

I have read and been fully informed by the health care provider regarding the above information. I hereby give permission for myself to receive this vaccine.

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Patient Signature

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Date

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Immunization Provider

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Date