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Re: Saint John Orthopaedics COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

As per guidelines provided in the Mandatory Order and delineated by Public Health and the Government of New Brunswick, and in an effort to protect our community of orthopaedic patients, our staff, our surgeons, and their families, SJO requires proof of vaccination by all persons entering the primary office: 555 Somerset St, Suite 200.

As per our standard of care, all consults are triaged for urgency and assessed accordingly. Alternate pathways to assessment are available including virtual care, hospital clinic assessment, and changing the assessment to a time of improved COVID risk. No essential care will be refused based on vaccination status.

Saint John Orthopaedics is comprised of 9 surgeons and their staff and provides greater than 16000 assessments annually. This policy acknowledges the importance of protecting our orthopaedic patient community, our team, and our community as a whole. A single surgeon will assess 10 to 100 patients per week and navigate a number of care facilities including the SJRH. The potential impact of positive infection within our care team would have a far reaching and potentially devastating consequence to many people and thus, we work to minimize this risk.

Given the evolving nature of COVID-19 and Public Health guidelines, the policy will be revised as needed to optimize community protection.