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As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to challenge and evolve our health care system, NSCN expects all nurse practitioners to continue to work within their [scope of practice](#) and meet their [standards of practice](#) in the best interest of their clients.

Nurse practitioners must not restrict in-person care to only those clients who have been vaccinated or have had a recent negative COVID-19 test result. In-person care can be provided safely to all patients by taking appropriate precautions, including screening patients and using necessary personal protective equipment (PPE). Nurse practitioners cannot require documented proof of vaccination from a client as a prerequisite for attending their practice. However, it is reasonable for a nurse practitioner to request that clients report their vaccine status to maintain an accurate health record.

If you have any questions, please reach out to an NSCN Practice Consultant at practice@nscn.ca.

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