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Subject: please review and confirm for accuracy

This is an excerpt from the draft record of decisions from the advisory committee yesterday. It speaks to vaccinations and inmates who have recovered. I tried to capture what Jennifer responded to questions from UCCO.

The ACHS responded that CSC continues to engage PHAC and the scientific advisors on an ongoing basis. Research is also reviewed regularly. She affirmed that individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 have immunity to being reinfected for at least 90 days. It could be longer than 90 days, but the current consensus is 90 days. We also recognize that when inmates have been an at outbreak site, they have likely had to be medically isolated for long periods. To confirm that they do not have COVID, they are tested by Health Services. UCCO indicated that this explanation would support his belief that staff should be vaccinated before inmates. The ACHS informed that vaccines do three potential things:

1. Prevent serious illness , death and hospitalization
2. Prevent individuals from contracting the virus
3. Prevent individuals from transmitting the virus

She used the recently Health Canada approve Astra Zeneca as an example. It is 100% effective at preventing serious illness, death and hospitalizations. Trial data showed that it was approximately 62% effective at protecting individuals from contracting the virus; however, real life use of the vaccine in the UK is showing stronger results than the trial. She indicated that there is insufficient data at this time to know if any of the three vaccines approved for use in Canada will prevent the individual who has received the vaccine from transmitting the virus.

Going back to inmates who have recovered from the virus, research to date has shown that they will not contract the virus (and therefore will not transmit the virus) for at least 90 days.

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