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cc Dr Colette Bonner DCMO  
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**Re: Post vaccination observation period**

Dear Dr Holohan,

I refer to our previous letter of 15 December 2021 regarding the temporary waiver of the 15 minute observation period following COVID-19 mRNA booster vaccination.

NIAC recommends that vaccine recipients should be observed for 15 minutes after any vaccination. If this is not practicable, recipients should remain in the vicinity for up to 15 minutes after vaccination.

If there is a specific concern about a possible vaccine allergy e.g., previous anaphylaxis to a vaccine component or mastocytosis, vaccine recipients should be observed for 30 minutes.

Vaccine recipients should be advised to seek urgent medical attention if they have symptoms suggestive of a significant allergic reaction such as difficulty breathing, feeling faint, rapid heartbeat or a generalised itchy skin rash.

NIAC will continue to closely monitor relevant data and will update this advice as necessary.

Yours sincerely,

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