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Donated organs are scarce and publicly entrusted gifts. Transplant recipients have to follow many specialized recommendations for medications and vaccinations that reduce the risk of harm from infection after transplant.

Ontario Health (Trillium Gift of Life Network) is in the process of developing a clinical guidance document supporting vaccination while recommending each transplant centre proceed case by case, based on medical urgency and an evaluation of risks to the patient. The guidelines were developed in consultation with a variety of experts including those specializing in infectious diseases and bioethics.

Ontario Health (Trillium Gift of Life Network) strongly recommends that potential transplant recipients be vaccinated and informed about the risks of COVID-19 and the benefits of vaccination. Scientific data indicate that the risk of being hospitalized with severe COVID-19 is several folds greater and the risk of death two to five times greater in transplant patients than in the general population.

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Ontario Health (Trillium Gift of Life Network) is the Government of Ontario agency responsible for planning, promoting, coordinating and supporting organ and tissue donation and transplantation across the province and for continually improving the system so that more lives can be saved.