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Coronavirus Vaccination

These changes apply to ALL the Tissue and Cells Donor Selection Guidelines

Please amend the following sections in each entry:

<i>Obligatory</i>	<p>a) Recipients of a COVID-19 vaccine in the UK vaccination programme (Recipients of the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine or the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine)</p> <p>Must not donate if:</p> <p>i) Less than seven days after the last immunization was given.</p> <p>ii) If donor felt unwell after vaccination, must not donate for 7 days after resolution of symptoms.</p> <p>b) Recipients of any other a COVID-19 vaccine outside the UK vaccination program, including participants in clinical trials or donors vaccinated outside the UK</p> <p>Refer to Designated Clinical Support Officer for individual risk assessment. See additional information.</p>
<i>Additional Information</i>	<p><i>[Unchanged after paragraph 2]</i></p> <p>Individuals vaccinated with inactivated viruses or vaccines that do not contain live agents (i.e. mRNA and protein subunit vaccines) may be accepted as tissue and cell donors if they feel well after vaccination. After vaccination with attenuated viruses (e.g. virus vector-based other than non-replicating or live-attenuated virus vaccines) tissue and cell donors must by default be deferred for four weeks.</p> <p>Both the Pfizer/BioNTech All COVID-19 vaccines (currently available licensed in the UK) and the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine (awaiting regulatory approval) are non-live. However as the effects of the newly developed coronavirus vaccines on donor health and donation safety are not fully established yet, as a precautionary principle a 7 day deferral from the date of vaccination, or deferral of donors who developed symptoms directly related to the vaccine for at least 7 days after the resolution of symptoms, is recommended.</p>

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Reason for Change ~~This is a new entry.~~ Remove reference to specific brands of vaccine.

2. Table of Immunizations

Please add COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) to the Table of Immunizations in all of the Guidelines

Diseases Protected against	Comments and example trade names of adult preparations	
COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2)	Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, AstraZeneca Covid COVID-19 vaccine, Moderna COVID-19 vaccine 7 days post immunisation; see 'Coronavirus vaccination' entry	Non-Live

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