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Re: 2025 Spring COVID-19 Immunization Program

Dear Health Care Provider:

Over the past two years, COVID-19 cases have increased during the summer months, prior to the availability of updated vaccine formulations in the fall. The 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccines are expected to provide cross-protection against currently circulating variants through the summer of 2025.

To strengthen immunity ahead of an anticipated summer wave, starting May 1, 2025, individuals who received one dose of COVID-19 vaccine since fall 2025 and who meet the following criteria may receive an additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine, provided it has been at least three (3) months since their most recent dose:

- Adults 65 years of age and older;
- Indigenous people 45 years of age and older, including First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples, regardless of place of residence;
- Adult residents of long-term care homes and other congregate living settings for seniors;
- Individuals 6 months of age and older who are moderately to severely immunocompromised (due to an underlying condition or treatment).

The spring COVID-19 Immunization program will run from May 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025. This will ensure there is a three-month interval before the upcoming fall immunization campaign.

Please note: Moderna supply for individuals aged 6 months and older will expire on June 14, 2025. After this date, only Pfizer, which is approved for individuals aged 12 and older, will remain available.

Starting July 1, 2025, COVID-19 immunizations will <u>not</u> be available until the fall 2025 COVID-19 immunization program begins except in special cases to be assessed on an individual basis for individuals aged 12 years and older. This is to minimize the impact of getting a late COVID-19 vaccine dose on a client's eligibility for a fall 2025 COVID-19 vaccine.

The COVID-19 Vaccine Order Survey (<u>https://forms.office.com/r/3tN1cnfdpD</u>) will remain open until further notice. A two-week notice will be provided prior to the season's conclusion.

Influenza vaccines are currently in limited supply. Should you require additional influenza vaccines email <u>vaccines@gov.mb.ca</u> and we will assist you in connecting with another provider who has excess doses available.

If you have surplus doses of COVID-19, Influenza, or Prevnar20 vaccines, please notify us by completing the survey at this link: <u>https://forms.office.com/r/hR7xfGcM9w</u>.

The COVID-19 webpage (<u>https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/index.html</u>) and related resources will be updated accordingly.

Please share this letter with your colleagues.

Sincerely,

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