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School Immunization Program: Youth Immunization Catch-Ups

The routine School Immunization Program has been interrupted over the last two years due to COVID-19. To catch children up who are born between January 1, 2004 and December 31, 2010, the Province is offering the following (over)due vaccines at a Manitoba vaccine site (www.manitoba.ca/covid19/vaccine/clinics.html):

- human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine
- hepatitis B vaccine
- meningococcal conjugate quadrivalent (Men-C-ACYW-135) vaccine
- tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine **OR** tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis and polio (Tdap-IPV) vaccine.

Households of youth missing one or more of the above noted vaccines will be receiving a mailed copy of their immunization record which shows which vaccines they are due or overdue for, as recommended by the Manitoba routine immunization schedule.

Clients are advised to schedule an appointment by calling the vaccine call centre or by booking an appointment online. Alternatively, clients are also provided the option of contacting their primary care provider for any (over)due school immunizations or other missed vaccines.

At this time, the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) recommends:

- That COVID-19 vaccines should not routinely be given simultaneously with other vaccines.
- Waiting for a period of 28 days after any dose of a COVID-19 vaccine before the administration of another vaccine.
- Waiting for a period of 14 days after the administration of another vaccine before administering a COVID-19 vaccine.

NACI notes that the minimum waiting period between vaccines is precautionary and there may be circumstances in which simultaneous administration or a shortened interval may be warranted on an individual basis (e.g., post-exposure prophylaxis, starting immunosuppressive therapy/treatment, pregnancy, etc.).

Individuals who opt to receive their immunizations at their primary care provider's clinic will be advised to contact the respective clinic directly. Please ensure all vaccine doses administered are recorded in the Public Health Information Management System (PHIMS) within two business days of administration to the client/patient, via:

- direct entry into PHIMS for public health; OR

- the Claims Processing System (CPS) for fee-for-service (FFS) physicians and, non-FFS physicians/nurse practitioners via shadow billing. (An updated tariff code listing is available at: www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/docs/iifhcp.pdf); OR
- the Drug Program Information Network (DPIN) for pharmacists. Note that pharmacists with PHIMS access can continue to use PHIMS for looking up a client's immunization record but doses administered are to be recorded in DPIN only.

Record doses administered to persons without a personal health identification number (PHIN) as indicated on a Manitoba Health Card, via the inputting form available at: www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/docs/iifhcp.pdf.

Information resources for providers and the public including frequently asked questions, a School Immunizations Consent Form, factsheets, product monographs as well as the information mailed out to each household of youth, will be available at: protectmb.ca/school-immunizations.

Please share this information with all relevant colleagues in your facility/clinic.

Sincerely,

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