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Dear Colleague:

Re: Pneumococcal Polysaccharide (Pneu-P-23) Vaccine Program

Recently, Manitoba Health updated the eligibility criteria for the Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine (Pneu-P-23). Homeless individuals and illicit drug users have now been added to the eligibility criteria. As with previous years, this vaccine is available at no charge to all Manitobans who are 65 or older and those at most risk for invasive pneumococcal disease.

The revised version of the Pneumococcal Polysaccharide (Pneu-P-23) Fact Sheet is available on the Manitoba Health website at <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/fs/ppv23.pdf>. For specific Manitoba Health eligibility criteria, please visit www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/vaccineeligibility.html.

Routine re-immunization is NOT recommended. Please refer to the product monograph and/or the *Canadian Immunization Guide* (2006) for detailed information.

Please share this communication with all relevant colleagues in your facility or clinic.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

“Original signed by”

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