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Dear Health Care Provider:

NEW! 2-dose Varicella and Rotavirus Immunization Programs:

Effective April 1st 2014, Manitoba's Routine Immunization Schedule will be expanding to include:

- Rotavirus vaccine to be administered at 2 and 4 months of age for those who were born on or after March 1, 2014. The rotavirus vaccine will be available to order on the new Manitoba Health Vaccines and Biologics Order Form that will be available on April 1, 2014 and found online at <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/vaccinebiologics.pdf>
- A second dose of varicella vaccine at 4-6 years for those born on or after January 1, 2008. The combined measles-mumps-rubella-varicella (MMRV) vaccine can be used.

Fact sheets for rotavirus vaccine, varicella vaccine, and many other vaccine resources can be ordered through <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/jmc/index.html> and can be viewed and printed at <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/factsheets/>.

All immunizations as part of Manitoba's immunization program are publicly-funded (i.e. free-of-charge).

For more information about Manitoba Health's Publicly-Funded Immunization Program including provincial program standards, eligibility criteria and resources, access the province's online *Immunization Program Manual for Immunization Providers in Manitoba* at: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/manual/index.html>.

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

Sincerely,

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