

September 1, 2016

Dear Health Care Provider:

RE: Manitoba Immunization Program Updates

Immunization Record Correction Form

- Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living (MHSAL) has developed an Immunization Record Correction Form (attached) that health care providers are encouraged to use to report an issue (e.g. duplicate, incorrect or missing immunizations) with their client’s immunization record. The form is to be completed and faxed to your closest public health office. The form can also be located at the MHSAL Immunization Program Manual for Immunization Providers webpage: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/manual/index.html>

Reminder of Immunization Program Changes

- In 2015/16 MHSAL introduced Immunization schedule efficiencies to improve Manitoba’s immunization program. Please ensure that you are immunizing your clients based on the current immunization schedule and using the correct products. An updated Routine Immunization Schedule has been included and can be located at <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/schedules.html>
- Effective September 2016, healthy males born on or after January 1, 2002 are eligible for Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine. This will be offered as part of the school immunization programs in Grade 6 as well as in Grade 8 or 9 (3 year catch-up program).
 - For healthy females and males under 15 years of age, 2 doses are recommended. For those who missed the school-based program, a 3 dose schedule is recommended, unless the first dose of vaccine was administered before the age of 15.
 - Please see the MHSAL vaccine eligibility for the full listing of criteria for vaccines free-of-charge as part of Manitoba’s publicly-funded immunization program: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/vaccineeligibility.html>

	School Year				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20 and ongoing
Hep B, 2 doses Grade 6 (Grade 4 Hep B program stopped in 2015/16)			✓	✓	✓
Men-C-C, Grade 4	✓	✓			
Meningococcal, Grade 6					✓
HPV, 2 doses, Grade 6, Girls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
HPV, 2 doses, Grade 6, Boys		✓	✓	✓	✓
HPV, 2 doses, Grade 8/9, Boys (catch-up – born 2002-2004)		✓	✓	✓	

2016/17 Influenza Program Reminders and Updates

- Providers/facilities can place their flu and/or pneumo vaccine order with MHSAL until September 15th. The order form is located: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/influpnevcorderform.pdf>
- All flu/pneumo vaccine orders will be shipped according to the following schedule:
 1. Hospitals, personal care homes (PCHs) and First Nations communities
 2. Providers/facilities with Client ID ending in 7 to 9
 3. Providers/facilities with Client ID ending in 0 to 3
 4. Providers/facilities with Client ID ending in 4 to 6
 5. Providers ordering after September 15, 2016
- Please visit the *Seasonal Flu Vaccine Distribution and Supply* website that will be updated accordingly to indicate an approximate date of when providers/facilities may expect to receive their shipment. (www.gov.mb.ca/health/flu/distribution.html)
- As regular vaccine orders may be delayed while the influenza vaccines are being shipped please ensure you have sufficient supply on hand to last until October/November that can be stored appropriately.
- The Seasonal Influenza Protocol has been updated and can be located at <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/flu/pro.html>.
- The MHSAL Seasonal Influenza Immunization Program Plan can also be located on the website for health care providers in Manitoba to review prior to the beginning of influenza season <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/manual/docs/msiipp.pdf>.
- MHSAL Influenza resources (e.g. factsheets, posters, stickers, etc) will be available to order free-of-charge for all health care providers in the coming weeks; go to www.gov.mb.ca/health/jmc/index.html for more information.

If you would prefer to receive notifications from MHSAL by email or have any questions about MHSAL immunization programs please call 204-788-6737.

Sincerely,



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