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RE: Registration Now Open for the 2026/27 Vaccine Preventable Respiratory Illnesses Immunization Program and Program Updates

Dear Health Care Provider,

Health care providers are **required** to register every year to receive influenza and COVID 19 vaccines from provincial stock. Registration for the upcoming 2026/27 season is now open. Please complete the registration form at forms.office.com/r/H3Rxm5XD75.

While there will be no deadline to register, providers are strongly recommended to do so no later than August 15, 2026, to ensure they receive all communications about the program, to allow for the creation of distribution groups, and for allocation planning.

Please note: a five-digit Holding Point Code (Client ID) is required to complete the registration. If your location does not have an account with the provincial vaccine warehouse, please complete and submit the following form before registering: gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/npaf.pdf.

Vaccine Allocation and Delivery Plan

- Manitoba's vaccine supply is received in multiple shipments throughout the season after approval by Health Canada (anticipated in September). Manitoba starts the distribution of influenza and COVID-19 vaccines to providers once vaccine shipments arrive in Manitoba. The initial order survey will be available in early September.
- Vaccines will be allocated based on the previous year's vaccine administration data and provincial inventory levels. **Orders that significantly exceed historical administration volumes will be adjusted.**
 - If you anticipate higher demand than usual, please provide clear rationale in the "Special Delivery Instructions" section of the order survey. These requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and will be considered based on available supply.
- Providers should expect to receive their first order in two separate deliveries and should review their confirmation email that will identify how many doses they will receive and how these will be divided between the first and second deliveries.
 - Providers are reminded to only schedule immunization clinics and appointments based on the vaccine allocations and after the delivery timelines provided in the confirmation emails.
 - **Reminder:** provincial vaccine stock is limited at the beginning of the season, before vaccine manufacturers supply larger numbers of doses.

- Priority locations (i.e. Hospitals, First Nations Communities and Long-Term Care facilities) will receive vaccine first and will have access to weekly ordering and deliveries.
- All other registered providers will be placed into one of two distribution groups and will have access to biweekly vaccine deliveries for the start of the campaign, contingent on vaccine manufacturers fulfilling their contractual obligations:
 - **GROUP 1:** All locations with Holding Point Codes ending in 5 to 9
 - **GROUP 2:** All locations with Holding Point Codes ending in 0 to 4

Enhanced Influenza Vaccine Update

Enhanced influenza vaccine (**Fluad®** (adjuvanted)) will be available for those who are 65 years of age and older.

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Manitoba will have a small quantity of the non-mRNA COVID-19 vaccine, **Nuvaxovid®** from Sanofi. It will only be available for those twelve years of age and older who cannot or choose not to get an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine. This product will expire in December 2026.

Due to the limited number of doses available, this product will only be available through regional public health locations. You can advise clients to contact the provincial call centre at 1-844-626-8222 (1-844-MAN-VACC) to identify locations that have product available.

Note: All COVID-19 vaccines will be delivered thawed. Store vaccines immediately in a temperature-monitored refrigerator and do not refreeze.

Health care providers and clinic managers/staff are encouraged to download or print the Vaccine Comparison Chart for details on the available products this season (i.e., their age indications, fridge stability timelines, etc.): manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/covidvaccine/covid-19-flu-vaccine-comparison-chart.pdf.

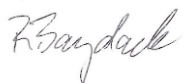
Additional resources are available at: manitoba.ca/respiratoryviruses/index.html.

All expired or unused vaccines from the previous season are to be returned to the provincial vaccine warehouse (gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/docs/vbrpp.pdf).

If you have any questions or require assistance, please email vaccines@gov.mb.ca.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the health and safety of Manitobans throughout the 2026-27 respiratory illness season. Please share this information with all relevant staff within your organization.

Sincerely,



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