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Dear Health Care Provider:

**Re: Expanded eligibility criteria for COVID-19 vaccine for children aged 6 months to ≤ 4 years.**

This is an update to the memo sent out on July 20, 2022 regarding the use of Moderna Spikevax (25 mcg) infant pediatric COVID-19 vaccine in children 6 months to ≤ 4 years of age. To date, only First Nations, Métis and Inuit children and those with underlying medical conditions have been able to receive the first dose of the Moderna vaccine.

Manitoba Health officials have closely monitored the initial vaccine uptake since appointments became available on July 25. Today, we are pleased to announce that effective this Friday, August 5, 2022, every child aged 6 months to ≤ 4 years will be eligible to receive their first dose.

Health care providers are encouraged to discuss the benefits of the pediatric vaccine with parents and caregivers and help them make informed decisions.

Health care providers are reminded to review NACI guidance/recommendations on COVID vaccinations for this age cohort, which are available at: [www.canada.ca/content/dam/phac-aspc/documents/services/immunization/national-advisory-committee-on-immunization-naci/recommendations-use-moderna-spikevax-covid-19-vaccine-children-6-months-5-years.pdf](http://www.canada.ca/content/dam/phac-aspc/documents/services/immunization/national-advisory-committee-on-immunization-naci/recommendations-use-moderna-spikevax-covid-19-vaccine-children-6-months-5-years.pdf).

Updated information on provincial vaccine eligibility and resources, such as the vaccine factsheet, are available at: <https://gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/index.html>.

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

Sincerely,

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