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**Pharmacists Authorized to Administer COVID-19 and Influenza Vaccines to Children Two Years of Age and Older**

Please be advised that effective immediately, pharmacists that are certified to administer immunizations are now authorized to administer COVID-19 and seasonal influenza (flu) vaccines to individuals two (2) years of age and older.

**At this time, the expansion to administer vaccines down to age two (2) is only for Health Canada approved COVID-19 vaccines and flu vaccines that are part of Manitoba's annual Seasonal Influenza Immunization Program. For all other vaccines, the age of administration remains at age seven (7) years and older.**

At this time the Moderna/Spikevax infant pediatric COVID-19 vaccine (25mcg) is the only infant vaccine that has been approved by Health Canada and available in Manitoba for use in children aged 6 months to 4 years of age. Additional products may be approved by Health Canada in the coming weeks.

The administration of these publicly-funded vaccines is as per the policies, protocols and guidelines of the Manitoba Immunization Program; please refer to the Immunization Program Manual ([www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/manual/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/manual/index.html)) for these resources. *Note: documentation within the Immunization Program Manual will be updated in the future to reflect this updated policy.*

Questions about the above provincial policy change can be emailed to [Vaccines@gov.mb.ca](mailto:Vaccines@gov.mb.ca). Please contact the College of Pharmacists of Manitoba should you have any questions related to competency, training or other administration-related queries. The College strongly encourages injection-certified pharmacists to review the following resource list to support the administration of injections to young children: <https://cphm.ca/resource/administration-of-injections-to-young-children-ages-2-5-resource-list/>. Thank you for your continued partnership in administering COVID-19 and flu vaccines to Manitobans.

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

Sincerely,

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