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Dear Colleague:

Re: New and Revised Immunization Schedules on the Manitoba Health Website & Discontinuation of School-Based Grade 4 Varicella Catch-Up Program

NEW: Recommended Immunization Schedule for Infants, Children and Adults

- A new one page summary of Manitoba's Recommended Immunization Schedule for Infants, Children and Adults is now available at the following link:
<http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/schedules.html>
- This document was created primarily for public use, however it may be useful to both you and your clients as it also contains links to the relevant vaccine fact sheets for publicly-funded vaccines.

REVISED: Manitoba Immunization Schedules – Reference Guide for Health Professionals

- A revised version of this document is now available at the following link:
<http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/fs/irg.pdf>
- This document replaces the Manitoba Immunization Schedules Reference Guide for Health Professionals dated December 2008.
- In 2008, print copies of this document were distributed to health care providers throughout the province. Please note that Manitoba Health will **NOT** be producing print copies of this revised document or any subsequent revisions.
- Printer-friendly PDF versions of both of the documents noted above, are available on the Manitoba Health website should you wish to keep hard copies. We recommend that you check the website frequently for updates.

Discontinuation of School-Based Grade 4 Varicella Catch-Up Program

- Manitoba Health recommends the discontinuation of the school-based grade 4 varicella catch-up program. The catch-up program is no longer required as all children currently in grade 4 have been offered varicella vaccine at one or more occasions (at 12 months of age and at 4-6 years of age) since the inception of the program in 2004.

Manitoba Health recommends all health care providers offer any missed vaccines, as per the Recommended Immunization Schedule for Infants and Children, at every opportunity.

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

Sincerely,

"Original signed by"

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