



## Health, Healthy Living and Seniors

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Dear Health Care Provider:

### **Rotavirus Program Reminder:**

As of April 1, 2014 Manitoba Health, Healthy Living and Seniors (MHLS) expanded the Manitoba Childhood Immunization Program to include Rotavirus vaccine. All children born after March 1, 2014 are eligible for the oral rotavirus vaccine, Rotarix, free-of-charge to be administered at 2 and 4 months of age. A Rotavirus Vaccine: Q&A for Health Care Providers can be located at:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/vaccines.html>

Rotavirus vaccine, like **all** vaccines, must be administered by an immunization provider in an office or other controlled settings while ensuring that the cold chain requirements are being met and that clients are being monitored for a minimum of 15 minutes after immunization to watch for signs of anaphylaxis.

An immunization provider is a health care professional who is registered or licensed to provide health care under an Act of the Legislature and who is authorized under that Act to administer vaccines.

All immunization doses administered must be recorded in the Manitoba Immunization Monitoring System (MIMS) either through Physician Billing or Manual reporting processes by the provider who administered the vaccine.

To review MHLS Immunization Program Standards as well other Immunization resources, please visit: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/manual/index.html>

Thank you for sharing this information with all relevant colleagues in your facility or clinic.

Sincerely,

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