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RE: Vaccine Product Changes & Spring Cleaning Reminder

Dear Health Care Provider:

Vaccine Product Changes 2020/21:

Please note the following changes to publicly funded vaccines used for Manitoba's Immunization Program available through the Provincial Distribution Warehouse (MDA):

Pertussis-containing vaccines:

- Transition from **ADACEL**[®] (DIN#02240255) to **BOOSTRIX**[®] (DIN#02247600) starting in the summer of 2020.
- Transition from **BOOSTRIX**[®]-POLIO (DIN#02312557) to **ADACEL**[®]-POLIO (DIN#02352044) starting in the summer of 2020.

For pertussis-containing vaccines, an appropriate product from any manufacturer can be used for all booster doses. (<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/healthy-living/canadian-immunization-guide-part-1-key-immunization-information/page-7-principles-vaccine-interchangeability.html>)

Quadrivalent Conjugate Meningococcal Vaccine (Men-C-ACYW-135):

- Transition from **NIMENRIX**[®] (DIN# 02402904) to **Menactra**[®] (DIN# 02279924) starting in the summer of 2020.

These changes will be reflected on the order form that is located at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/vaccinebiologics.pdf> when the transitions occur. **Orders for vaccines can be emailed directly to MDA by completing the order form online and clicking the "Submit Form" button.** This ensures that the most up to date order form is used at all times.

Reminder: It is important that childhood immunizations continue to be administered during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please contact your clients if they are due or overdue to make sure Manitoba's Immunization Schedule is maintained.

SPRING CLEANING – VACCINE RETURNS

Please use this time to locate all expired publicly funded vaccine in your refrigerator and arrange with the provincial distribution warehouse (MDA) to have them returned.

- **Remove all expired vaccine from your vaccine refrigerator** to ensure that it is not administered to a patient. Expired vaccines can be stored at room temperature in a separate area until they are ready to be returned.
- When placing your next vaccine order through MDA, **notify customer service** that you have expired vaccines that need to be returned and an arrangement will be made to have those products picked up.
- Fill out the return form located within Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living's *Return Policy and Procedure*, (www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/docs/vbrpp.pdf)
- **PLEASE RETURN ALL EXPIRED PUBLICLY FUNDED VACCINES TO MDA SHORTLY AFTER THEIR EXPIRY DATE.** Please DO NOT return STI medications or other non-publicly funded products to MDA. These will not be accepted by warehouse staff.

MB could receive credit for expired vaccines that have been returned. This is especially important for influenza vaccines at this time of year.

Please visit manitoba.ca/immunization for immunization information and resources.

If you have any further questions, please contact Communicable Disease Control at 204-788-6737.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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