



**Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care
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Re: Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) Vaccine Eligibility

Dear Health Care Provider:

In light of the recent cases of measles in Canada, you may notice an increase in inquiries from your clients about their immunization status or eligibility for a vaccination against measles. Population and Public Health has adjusted the language within the eligibility criteria for measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccination to more clearly outline who is eligible.

As noted on Manitoba's Immunization Program website, the Eligibility Criteria for Publicly-Funded Vaccines does not cover vaccines for travel purposes, with the exception of children aged 6 months to under 12 months travelling to a measles-endemic country. This age cohort is eligible for one additional dose of measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine.

The revised language is below and can also be found online at:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/vaccineeligibility.html> (English)

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/vaccineeligibility.fr.html> (French)

Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) Vaccine Eligibility

- All children \geq 12 months of age are eligible to receive 2 doses. In addition to those doses, children age 6 months to under 12 months are eligible for 1 dose if travelling to a measles endemic country.
- All adults born in or after 1985 are eligible to receive 2 doses of the MMR vaccine.
- Adults born between 1970 and 1984 are eligible to receive one dose if they do not have documentation of receiving one dose of an MMR vaccine or a history of a laboratory-confirmed infection or laboratory evidence of immunity*.
- Health care workers are eligible for 2 doses of MMR vaccine regardless of year of birth if they do not have documentation of receiving two doses of MMR vaccine or a history of a laboratory-confirmed infection or laboratory evidence of immunity*.
- Students born before 1970 are eligible for 1 dose; and Students born in or after 1970 are eligible for 2 doses of MMR vaccine if they do not have documentation of receiving an MMR vaccine or a history of a laboratory-confirmed infection or laboratory evidence of immunity*.
- Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (as per CancerCare Manitoba Blood and Marrow Transplant (BMT) Immunization Schedule)
- Patients currently under the care of a haematologist or oncologist from CancerCare Manitoba (CCMB) who have been provided a CCMB directed Immunization Schedule.

*Note: Ordering measles, mumps or rubella serology is not necessary prior to administering an MMR vaccine. If the client does not have previous serology demonstrating immunity and does not have documentation of receiving the recommended number of doses of the MMR vaccine or previous laboratory-confirmed infection, assume that they are not immune and administer a dose of the MMR vaccine. If previous serology is available and shows the client is not immune against rubella only, they can receive one dose of MMR and will be considered immune if the dose was administered after their first birthday.

**Note: Adults born before 1970 are generally considered immune to measles, mumps and rubella due to previous exposure to these infections. They are not eligible for any doses of MMR vaccines unless they are a health care worker or a student.

REMINDER: Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Varicella (MMRV) vaccine can be used as part of the infant and childhood immunizations up to the age of 12 years.

Immunization Records

If a client requests a copy of their immunization records you can direct them to the following options:

1. Submitting a request via the online e-form <https://forms.gov.mb.ca/immunization-update-request/> . This form is located on the provincial Immunization Records website: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/records.html>
2. Contacting their local public health office <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/offices.html>
3. Your office may print specific immunization records from e-chart, but should encourage your client to request an official copy via the e-form listed above.

Please note, the Manitoba Immunization registry was started in 1988. Immunizations provided prior to 1988 are unlikely to be included in Manitoba Health's official registry.

Please share this with all colleagues in clinic/facility.

Sincerely,

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