



Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care

Public Health

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RE: Expanded eligibility for MMR vaccine for infants 6 to under 12 months of age

Manitoba is continuing to see increased cases of measles. Most cases are occurring in Southern Health-Santé Sud, with a few recent cases in other health regions. Some cases have not identified a source of infection, indicating that community transmission is occurring.

Expanded Vaccine Eligibility

- Public Health is expanding eligibility for the *measles, mumps, rubella* (MMR) vaccine for infants residing in Southern Health-Santé Sud (SH-SS) and Interlake Eastern (IERHA).
- Effective May 14th, children aged 6 months to under 12 months residing in SH-SS and IERHA, or who travel regularly to AND have close contact with residents of SH-SS or IERHA, are eligible for one dose of MMR in addition to the routine schedule offered at 12 months and 4-6 years.
- Note that the early dose is MMR as MMRV is not recommended for use in infants less than 12 months of age. Additionally, these infants should still receive 2 doses of MMRV after their first birthday (and at least 4 weeks after the previous dose of measles-containing vaccine) to ensure long lasting immunity.

Further information:

- **Case Counts and Exposures:** The number of cases is updated on the measles website weekly each Wednesday. Public exposures are posted as they are identified: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/diseases/measles.html>.
- Previous updates to health care providers, including recommended management, are also available on the measles website.
- The **Measles Disease Management Protocol** was recently updated with minor revisions: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/measles.pdf>.

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

Sincerely,

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