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RE: Clarifying Hepatitis A Vaccine Eligibility for People Experiencing Homelessness

Dear Health Care Provider,

Manitoba continues to see new cases of hepatitis A associated with the ongoing provincial outbreak. As of February 2, 2026, there have been 350 cases of locally acquired hepatitis A virus associated with this outbreak. Previously we communicated that most cases are in the Northern Health Region, predominantly the Island Lake area, and a cluster in Peguis First Nation in Interlake-Eastern Health Region.

In recent weeks there have been increasing cases among people experiencing homelessness, particularly those using shelters in Winnipeg. As people who are experiencing homelessness may be at increased risk of hepatitis A infection, **we are clarifying that people experiencing homelessness, including people who use shelters or staying in encampments, are eligible to receive two doses of hepatitis A vaccine as part of Manitoba's existing publicly funded high-risk hepatitis A immunization program.** This eligibility is **not** time limited.

For complete vaccine eligibility including outbreak and high-risk criteria please visit: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/vaccineeligibility.html>. Thank you for continuing to review immunization records and ensuring that all Manitobans are up to date on eligible vaccines.

Vaccines can be requested by completing the Manitoba Health Vaccines and Biologics Order Form (www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/vaccinebiologics.pdf) and faxing or emailing the completed form to the Provincial Vaccine Warehouse.

If you have any questions, please email vaccines@gov.mb.ca. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

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