



**Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care  
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## **Re: Important Changes to Manitoba's Rotavirus Immunization Program**

Dear Health Care Provider,

In the coming weeks, Manitoba's Rotavirus Immunization Program will be transitioning **from the current two-dose rotavirus vaccine Rotarix<sup>®</sup>** (Rot-1), usually administered at 2 and 4 months of age, **to RotaTeq<sup>®</sup>** (Rot-5), a three-dose series, usually administered at 2, 4 and 6 months of age.

To support continuity of care during this transition, please follow the guidance below when administering the rotavirus vaccine to eligible infants:

- Infants who have already started their series with Rotarix<sup>®</sup> should complete the two-dose series with Rotarix<sup>®</sup> while supply is available.
- If Rotarix<sup>®</sup> is no longer available or the previous product is unknown, the series should be completed with RotaTeq<sup>®</sup> without deferring vaccination.
  - In such cases, a total of three doses of rotavirus vaccine should be administered to ensure adequate protection.
- The rotavirus vaccine series should still be completed by 8 months of age with four weeks between doses.

To minimize wastage during this transition, providers are asked to use existing Rotarix<sup>®</sup> inventory until it is depleted or expired. Once provincial supply of Rotarix<sup>®</sup> is depleted, orders will automatically be replaced with RotaTeq<sup>®</sup>.

For providers who bill using tariff codes, please ensure the correct code is used so the vaccine is accurately documented in the client's immunization record:

- Rota-5 (Rotavirus pentavalent) – Tariff 8778 (RotaTeq)
- Rota-1 (Rotavirus monovalent) – Tariff 8897 (Rotarix)

Providers who record directly into Manitoba's Public Health information Management System (PHIMS), please ensure that the specific product administered (Rotarix<sup>®</sup> or RotaTeq<sup>®</sup>) is accurately documented to maintain correct immunization records.

Updated resources are available at the following links:

- Rotavirus Vaccine Factsheet and Questions & Answers for Health Care Providers: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/diseases/rotavirus.html>.
- Vaccine Eligibility Criteria: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/vaccineeligibility.html#Rota>.
- Recommended Immunization Schedule for Infants and Pre-School Children: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/schedules.html#child>.
- Manitoba Health Vaccines and Biologics Order Form: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/vaccinebiologics.pdf>.

For questions regarding this transition or about Manitoba's Immunization Program, please email [vaccines@gov.mb.ca](mailto:vaccines@gov.mb.ca).

Please share this information with all relevant colleagues in your facility or clinic.

Thank you for your continued commitment to protecting Manitobans against vaccine-preventable diseases.

Sincerely,

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