



Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care
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RE: Hepatitis A Vaccine Eligibility to Include All Manitobans in Indigenous Communities

Dear Health Care Provider,

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care (MHS LTC) is making hepatitis A vaccine available free of charge to **all those who live in, travel to or have visitors from Indigenous communities in Manitoba.**

Effective immediately, **all Manitobans aged 6 months or older** are eligible to receive **one dose of hepatitis A vaccine** if they meet one or more of the following criteria:

- live in an Indigenous community in Manitoba; OR
- travel regularly to Indigenous communities in Manitoba; OR
- have household visitors from Indigenous communities in Manitoba;

Note: children born on or after January 1, 2010, who meet one or more of the criteria above continue to be eligible to receive a second dose of hepatitis A vaccine. However, the first dose is the priority since one dose is highly effective and provides protection for at least a decade for immunocompetent individuals. The second dose can be administered at a later routine visit for expected lifelong immunity.

Other outbreak eligibility continues to apply (i.e. inmates of correctional facilities, and staff and volunteers of non-healthcare community-based organizations in Winnipeg serving people experiencing homelessness).

Health care providers are also reminded to continue immunizing eligible individuals with **two doses** under Manitoba's existing publicly funded high-risk hepatitis A immunization program, including people with high-risk medical conditions and people experiencing homelessness. For complete vaccine eligibility, please visit: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/vaccineeligibility.html>.

Additional hepatitis A outbreak information, resources for health care providers, and previous communications are available at: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/diseases/hepatitisa.html>.

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.

For any questions, please email vaccines@gov.mb.ca. Thank you for your engagement and support.

Sincerely,

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