

Manitoba



Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care
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Re: Additional Updates to Hepatitis A Vaccine Outbreak Eligibility

Dear Health Care Provider,

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care (MHS LTC) continues to expand hepatitis A outbreak vaccine eligibility criteria.

In response to the ongoing provincial outbreak, the following individuals aged 6 months and older who are members of or visiting the following communities are eligible for one dose of hepatitis A vaccine:

- All community members in:
 - **The host communities of the 2026 Manitoba Indigenous Summer Games (MISG) - Norway House Cree Nation and Sagkeeng Anicinabe Nation (NEW);**
 - Tataskweyak Cree Nation (Split Lake Cree First Nation) - effective May 2026;
 - Cross Lake First Nation (Pimicikamak Cree Nation) - effective May 2026;
 - Ebb and Flow First Nation - effective May 2026;
 - Bloodvein River First Nation - effective May 2026;
 - War Lake First Nation, also known as Ilford – effective April 2026;
 - Peguis First Nation- effective February 2026;
 - The Island Lake area (Garden Hill, St. Theresa Point, Wasagamack and Red Sucker Lake First Nations) – effective May 2025;
- Anyone travelling to or working in these communities; **including the athletes, teams and visitors attending the 2026 Manitoba Indigenous Summer Games;**
- Those who have household visitors from these communities;
- Inmates of correctional facilities;
- Staff and volunteers of non-healthcare community-based organizations in Winnipeg serve people experiencing homelessness.

Please note for the outbreak response, one dose is currently recommended. The first dose is highly effective and provides protection for at least a decade.

Please note that all children born on or after January 1, 2010, are already eligible to receive two doses of hepatitis A vaccine who meet one or more of the following criteria:

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

MHSLTC asks that health care providers recommend and offer hepatitis A vaccine to all eligible athletes, volunteers, staff, and spectators as early as possible **BEFORE** the MISG events begin on July 8-12, 2026, and August 10-15, 2026. However, hepatitis A vaccine can also be provided following attendance of MISG events, preferably as soon as possible after the events.

For complete vaccine eligibility, including for the outbreak, high-risk medical conditions and other nonmedical risk factors, please visit:

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

Additional outbreak information 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.

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

Sincerely,

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