Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care
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RE: Pharmacists Administering Publicly Funded Measles Vaccines

Dear Pharmacists,

In response to the ongoing measles outbreak in Manitoba, pharmacists are temporarily authorized by a signed Order from the Minister of Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care to administer the following publicly funded live measles vaccines to individuals **aged 2 to 19 years**:

- *Measles, mumps, rubella* (MMR) vaccine - Priorix® or M-M-R® II
- *Measles, mumps, rubella, varicella* (MMRV) vaccine - Priorix Tetra or ProQuad®

Most of the measles cases seen in Manitoba's measles outbreak are within the age range outlined above and unimmunized.

Pharmacists must successfully complete the requisite Council-approved education, training, and application process in order to administer vaccines: https://cphm.ca/practice-education/administer-drugs-vaccines/.

Vaccine Eligibility

For detailed information regarding eligibility criteria for MMR and MMRV vaccines as part of Manitoba's Immunization Program, please visit: https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/vaccineeligibility.html.

Please note the approved age indications for MMR and MMRV:

- **MMR is approved for individuals aged 6 months and older.**
- **MMRV is approved for individuals aged 12 months to 12 years of age.**

Pharmacists are expected to review the immunization history of all clients prior to administering a vaccine to ensure their eligibility for publicly funded vaccines and proper timing between doses. Immunization histories can be accessed through the Public Health Information Management System (PHIMS).

Ordering and Supply

Pharmacies can now order measles vaccines using the Vaccine and Biologics Order Form: https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/vaccinebiologics.pdf.

Pharmacists can order 1 box of each product (10 single dose vials per box plus diluent) in the short term. Pharmacies can re-order supply once depleted. This allows Manitoba to have adequate supply to respond to any rapidly changing circumstances.

Manitoba Public Health continues to monitor its supply of measles vaccines due to increased demand in response to outbreaks in Manitoba, Canada and worldwide.

Data Entry and Remuneration

Publicly funded measles vaccine doses **must be entered directly into PHIMS within two (2) business days** of administration.

- Pharmacists who administered the measles vaccine to individuals with no Personal Health Information Number (PHIN) must complete and fax the following form to Manitoba PHIMS Quality Assurance for entry into PHIMS: https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/manual/docs/vaccine-admin-reporting-no-phin.pdf.
- Pharmacies needing to request access to PHIMS are to email: mbphimsqualityassurance@gov.mb.ca.
- To avoid duplication on a person's immunization records, **doses that are entered into PHIMS should not be entered into DPIN** (Manitoba's Drug Program Information Network).
    - *Note: Non-publicly funded measles vaccines must be entered into DPIN using the "PS" (Professional Care Service Code) intervention code, as usual.*

Pharmacists will be remunerated $13 for every measles vaccine dose administered as part of the publicly funded immunization program.

Clinical Resources

- Measles Quick Reference Guide: https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/diseases/docs/measles-quick-reference-guide.pdf.
- MMR and MMRV Vaccine Quick Reference Guide: https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/docs/mmr-and-mmrv-vaccine-guide.pdf.
- Pharmacy PHIMS Support Tools: https://phimsmb.ca/support-tools/health-providers-other/pharmacy/.
- Manitoba's Immunization Program Manual: https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/manual/index.html.

Resources for the Public

- Measles Factsheet: https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/factsheets/measles.pdf
- MMR Vaccine Factsheet: https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/factsheets/mmr.pdf
- MMRV Vaccine Factsheet: https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/factsheets/mmrv.pdf

Additional Information

- The number of cases is updated on the measles website weekly each Friday: https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/diseases/measles.html#update.
- Public exposures are posted as they are identified: https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/diseases/measles-exposures.html.

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

Sincerely,

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