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Update: New Hepatitis A Immunization Eligibility for Outbreak Response

Dear Health Care Provider,

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care (MHSLTC), continues to identify new hepatitis A cases associated with the ongoing provincial outbreak. As of June 4, 2026, a total of 784 cases have been reported in Manitoba in this outbreak.

In response to the current outbreak, MHSLTC is updating Manitoba's hepatitis A immunization program to include **all children born on or after January 1, 2010, who are at least 6 months of age and 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.

For children eligible under the criteria listed above, the hepatitis A vaccine is administered as a **two-dose series** and should be incorporated into routine immunization touchpoints as follows:

- **First dose** should be offered at routine visits (e.g., 6 months, 18 months, 4–6 years, Grade 6, and Grade 8/9).
- **Second dose** should be offered at the next routine immunization visit (e.g., a child who receives their first dose at the 18-month visit should receive their second dose at the 4–6-year visit). The minimum interval between doses is 6 months.

Please note that, for the current outbreak response, timely administration of the first dose should be prioritized over completing the full series. **The first dose is highly effective and provides protection for at least a decade.** The second dose can be administered at a later routine visit for expected lifelong immunity.

We strongly recommend that health care providers should prioritize and promote this Hepatitis A Immunization Program.

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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