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1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To enable an immunization provider to immunize alone if a situation arises where immunizing alone is warranted, as long as certain conditions are met.

2.0 DEFINITIONS


- 2.1 Anaphylaxis kit: medications and supplies used for management of a suspected/actual anaphylactic reaction.
- 2.2 Immunizing alone: the immunization provider is the only individual with the ability to provide an immunization and respond to any adverse events.
- 2.3 Working Alone: the performance of any work function by a worker who (a) is the only worker for that employer at that workplace at any time, and (b) is not directly supervised by his or her employer, or another person designated as a supervisor by his or her employer, at any time.

3.0 SCOPE & GOAL

- 3.1 Immunization providers are able to immunize alone if a situation arises where immunizing alone is warranted, providing the following procedures are met.

4.0 PROCEDURE

- 4.1 Immunization Providers working alone in the community are required to follow safety practices as outlined in the [Occupational and Environmental Safety and Health Operational Procedure: Working Alone or in Isolation – Community Home/Client Visits](#)
- 4.2 The immunization provider has the competence and authority to immunize.
- 4.3 The immunization provider has current CPR certification in accordance with site/facility/program requirements.
- 4.4 The immunization provider has reviewed the [Manitoba Provincial Anaphylaxis Protocol](#) and is competently prepared to respond to an adverse event

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- 4.5**
- The immunization provider must: Complete a health history to determine if it is safe to administer the vaccine alone during a home visit. Refer to the CPG: [General Considerations Prior to Immunization Precautions and Contraindications](#)
 - Ensure a Working Alone assessment and plan is in place in accordance with the [Occupational and Environmental Safety and Health Operational Procedure: Working Alone or in Isolation – Community Home/Client Visits](#)
 - Ensure a phone is easily accessible to activate emergency medical services.
 - Ensure all the necessary equipment and medication required to respond to a potential adverse event following immunization is onsite and accessible (i.e.: anaphylaxis kit).
 - Adjust post-immunization monitoring time based on health history assessment (i.e.: 15 vs 30-minute observation period)
 - Ensure the immunizations are structured such that the immunization provider is able to monitor and provide safe care to the individual(s) being immunized. Monitoring no more than three people at any given time (i.e. only three people under 15-minute observation at any given time, or a rate of three immunizations per one half hour (ten-minute appointment times).

VALIDATION

5.0

- 5.1** WRHA Occupational and Environmental Safety and Health, Working Alone Operational Procedures, Community Health and Social Services.

6.0 **RECOMMENDED READING**

[WRHA Community Health Services- Safety Procedures and Guidelines](#)
[Manitoba Provincial Anaphylaxis Protocol](#)