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Dear Health Care Provider

Re: Age 4-6 Year Old Booster Program Change

Immunization Program Change: Change to 4-6 year old Booster

- As a result of ongoing supply shortages and a review of evidence Manitoba Health (MH) has changed from DTaP-IPV (Quadracel) to Tdap-IPV (Adacel-Polio/Boostrix-Polio) for the 4-6 year old booster dose.
- DTaP-IPV contains higher concentrations of Diphtheria and Pertussis components than the Tdap-IPV.
- A recent statement from the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) concluded that the 4-6 year old booster dose can be given with either Tdap-IPV or DTaP-IPV.
- As Quadracel is no longer available at the Provincial Vaccine Warehouse any order received for Quadracel will be automatically substituted with either Adacel-Polio or Boostrix-Polio (dependent on which product is available).
- Any remaining Quadracel that a provider may have on hand should be used up for the 4-6 year booster prior to moving to the new product in order to prevent wastage.
- The immunization schedules have been updated on the Manitoba Health website to reflect the change. It can be located at: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/schedules.html>
- Included is a revised Manitoba Health Vaccine and Biologics order form. The order form is also available on the Manitoba Health website at: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/vaccinebiologics.pdf>

Supply shortages and Substitutions

- There are currently many vaccine manufacturers that are experiencing vaccine supply issues in Canada and around the world.
- In order to avoid any provincial immunization program interruptions MH is working on procuring alternate products to meet demand.
- Providers are encouraged to continue to order using the current order form but with the understanding that product substitutions may occur if the indicated brand on the order form is not available.
- Product substitution notices will be included in orders where substitutions have occurred to alert all provider staff.
- At all times immunization providers are asked to only order what is needed on a monthly basis and take all efforts to minimize wastage.
- The Manitoba Health Eligibility criteria can be located at: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/vaccineeligibility.html>

Any questions regarding any vaccine products please contact Manitoba Health at 204-788-6737.

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ALL RELEVANT COLLEAGUES.

Sincerely –

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Hilderman', is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

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