



**Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care
Public Health**

300 Carlton Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada R3B 3M9

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**Re: Registration for the 2024/25 Vaccine Preventable Respiratory Illnesses
Immunization Program**

Dear Health Care Provider:

Health care providers are required to register in order to receive influenza and COVID-19 vaccines from provincial stock. For the 2024/25 season, immunization providers will again be able to place orders and receive deliveries for influenza and COVID-19 vaccines. Pneumococcal vaccines will also be available to order. **Please note:** To ensure the most up to date contact information for each location, last year's registration information has been removed from our system.

While there will be no deadline to register, providers are strongly recommended to do so no later than August 16, 2024, to ensure receipt of all communications, allow for the creation of distribution groups, and for allocation planning.

Please visit www.manitoba.ca/fludistribution to review the program requirements and complete the registration form at <https://forms.office.com/r/ecCJJmTGCT>

Please note: a five digit Holding Point Code (Client ID) is required in order to complete the registration. If your location **does not** have an account with the provincial vaccine warehouse, please complete and submit the following form:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/npaf.pdf>

Vaccine Delivery Plan

Manitoba will begin distributing influenza and COVID-19 vaccines as soon as they become available. Timelines are dependent on manufacturers' ability to successfully supply vaccine after receiving Health Canada approval (anticipated in September) and are estimated based on timelines identified in national vaccine contracts. **Manitoba receives less than half of its total vaccine order at the first vaccine delivery milestone in September**, with the remainder being delivered over the course of the next several weeks. Depending on when supply arrives in Manitoba, **providers could receive their first order in two separate deliveries.**

Priority locations (i.e. Hospitals, First Nations Communities and Long-Term Care facilities) will receive vaccine first and will have access to weekly ordering and deliveries.

All other registered providers will be placed into one of two distribution groups and will have access to biweekly vaccine deliveries for the start of the campaign, contingent on available stock at the provincial warehouse:

- **GROUP 1:** All locations with Holding Point Codes **ending in 5 to 9**
- **GROUP 2:** All locations with Holding Point Codes **ending in 0 to 4**

Please return expired publicly funded vaccines according to the Vaccines and Biologics Return Policy and Procedure available at:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/docs/vbrpp.pdf>

Manitoba may receive credit for returned vaccines and this is especially important for influenza vaccines at this time of year.

If you have any questions, please contact the Communicable Disease Control Unit at 204-788-6737 or by email at vaccines@gov.mb.ca.

Thank you,

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