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Dear Health Care Provider:

CLARIFICATION RE: Changes to Manitoba's Routine Immunization Schedule

The following changes are being implemented to Manitoba's routine immunization schedule:

- Effective September 1st 2015, the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine will now be provided **in grade 6** as a 2-dose program.
- Effective school year 2017/18, the hepatitis B vaccine will be moved to Grade 6 and will be changed to a 2-dose schedule at 0 and 4-6 months.
- Effective school year 2019/20, the meningococcal vaccine will be moved to Grade 6.

The table below illustrates the changes, noting the school years when the respective program will be in transition and when the vaccines will be provided:

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20 & ongoing
Hep B, 3 doses Grade 4					
Hep B, 2 doses Grade 6			✓	✓	✓
Men-C-C Grade 4	✓	✓			
Men-C-C Grade 6					✓
HPV, 3 doses Grade 6					
HPV, 2 doses Grade 6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

All of the above changes are consistent with best practice public health evidence, provincial/national recommendations and the respective product monographs, as per Health Canada approval.

Manitoba's Eligibility Criteria for Publicly-Funded Vaccines includes more detailed information pertaining to the above changes (www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/vaccineeligibility.html).

Please share this information with all relevant colleagues in your facility or clinic.

Sincerely,

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