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## **COVID-19 Vaccine: New/Updated Communications Products including Clinical Practice Guidelines and Consent Form**

New or updated evidence-based documents for immunizers and health care providers are now available at [www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/healthcare-professionals.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/healthcare-professionals.html) or [www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/partners/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/partners/index.html), and include:

- (Updated) **Manitoba COVID-19 Vaccine: Clinical Practice Guidelines for Immunizers and Health Care Providers** (*replaced the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinical Practice Guidelines for use in Special Populations*).
- (New!) **COVID-19 Vaccine: A Tool for Practitioners to Determine and Document Patient Eligibility for the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD Vaccine**
- (New!) **COVID-19 Vaccine Inputting Form for Medical Clinics for Patients without a Manitoba PHIN**
- (New!) **COVID-19 Vaccine Inputting Form for Pharmacies for Clients Not Found In PHIMS**
- (New!) **COVID-19 Vaccine: Guidance for Immunizers to Select the Reason for Immunization** (*note: for the AZ/COVISHIELD vaccine for the purposes of current eligibility, health care providers should select the “routine (age)” reason, which for physicians who use CPS, is reason #5*).

New or updated resources for the general public are available at [www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/resources.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/resources.html) and include:

- (Updated) **COVID-19 Vaccine Consent Form** (*replaced the COVID-19 Immunization Standard Consent Form and the COVID-19 Immunization Enhanced Consent Form*).
- (Updated) **mRNA (Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna) Vaccines Factsheet**
- (New!) **Viral Vector (AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD) Vaccine Factsheet**
- (New!) **Information for Individuals who are Immunosuppressed and/or have an Autoimmune Condition Factsheet**
- (Updated) **Information for Pregnant and/or Breastfeeding Individuals Factsheet**

Please note that all resources are subject to change based on evolving evidence; regularly check the respective website(s) for the most up-to-date version.

The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) continues to recommend that the COVID-19 vaccine may be offered to people who fall into one or more of the following

categories, provided that the risks and benefits of immunization are adequately conveyed to the client/patient to make an informed decision:

1. Immunosuppressed due to disease or treatment
2. Autoimmune disorder
3. Pregnant and/or breastfeeding

The process of obtaining informed consent from persons who fall into one or more of the above categories has been updated. The enhanced consent form is no longer required however, these forms will be accepted for a period of time. The client/patient is to review the pertinent information contained in the factsheets and have a discussion with their immunizer or health care provider that is guided by the information in the **Clinical Practice Guidelines**. If a client with one of the categories above chooses to obtain consent from their health care provider before attending a Super-Site or Pop-up Clinic, both parties are required to sign and date the form and provide the hard copy to the client/patient and/or fax the form to Manitoba Health and Seniors Care for upload into the Public Health Information Management System (PHIMS).

**The Manitoba COVID-19 Vaccine: Clinical Practice Guidelines for Immunizers and Health Care Providers** have been updated to reflect the new consent process (as outlined above) as well as new recommendations from NACI and evolving evidence from clinical trials and post-marketing studies. In addition, a section on guidance for use of the viral vector vaccine has been added, which includes efficacy and safety data from the clinical trials; data from real-world use in England and Scotland; NACI recommendations; and, provincial eligibility criteria for the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine. Please be advised that clinician-specific questions and answers are being added in a separate section; an updated document will be posted in the coming days at: [www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/healthcare-professionals.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/healthcare-professionals.html). Please expect the Clinical Practice Guidelines to be updated regularly; check the website for the most current version.

Information about Manitoba's COVID-19 Immunization Program including vaccine eligibility criteria, immunization clinics, questions and answers and a dashboard on immunization coverage can be found at: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/index.html>.

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