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SUBJECT: Booster vaccine for children aged 5-11 years

Good Afternoon,

Effective today, Health Canada authorized the use of the Pfizer/Comirnaty® COVID-19 booster vaccine in children aged 5 -11 years. The updated product monograph is available at: www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/resources.html#productmonographs and more information about Health Canada's regulatory information can be found in the COVID-19 Vaccines and Treatments Portal: <https://covid-vaccine.canada.ca/>.

The national recommendations from NACI on the use of a first booster dose in children aged 5-11 years is available at: <https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/phac-aspc/documents/services/immunization/national-advisory-committee-on-immunization-naci/recommendations-use-first-booster-dose-pfizer-biontech-comirnaty-covid-19-vaccine-children-5-11-years.pdf>.

Please be advised of the following interim provincial guidance should a child aged 5-11 years present with a parent/caregiver to a regional clinic for a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose in advance of a provincial announcement and/or update to the provincial eligibility criteria:

- After obtaining informed consent from the parent/caregiver, the child may be immunized.
- As per NACI, the provisional minimum interval between the last dose in the primary series and the booster dose is 6 months.
- Advise parents/caregivers that the recommended interval is 3 months after a COVID-19 infection (but at minimum, the child needs to be outside of the recommended isolation period and their symptoms should be gone).

Please share this communication with regional staff.

Thank you.

Vaccine Implementation Task Force