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**To:** All PHIMS Immunization Users

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**RE:** **PHIMS Forecaster Update - COVID-19 Vaccines**

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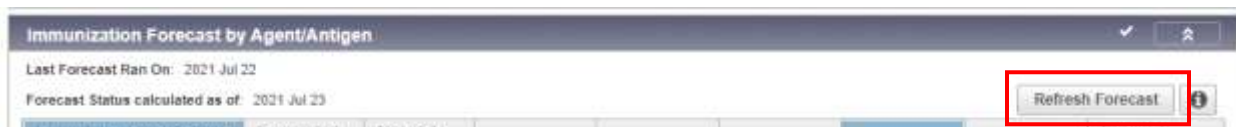
The PHIMS Forecaster was updated on October 14, 2021 with changes to the minimum age for Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.

## Key updates:

- Pfizer minimum age is now 11 years, 7 months to align with Manitoba Health's eligibility as announced August 16, 2021
  - Rationale: Individuals born on December 31, 2009 were 11 years, 7 months and 16 days on August 16, 2021
- Moderna minimum age is now 12 years of age to align with the age indication
  - Rationale: "On August 27, 2021, Health Canada expanded the Interim Order authorization for the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to also include adolescents 12 to 17 years of age."

Clients who received their vaccine doses prior to this forecaster change have had their forecast refreshed (recalculated). Doses that have been manually overwritten to valid will not be reforecasted.

PHIMS users can also click the "Refresh Forecast" button at any time to recalculate a client's forecast (as shown below).



The forecaster rules are posted on the PHIMS website in the 9.0 Forecaster folder and can be found here: [Forecaster Rules](#).

Refer to the Manitoba COVID-19 Vaccine: Clinical Practice Guidelines for Immunizers and Health Care Providers for additional information about dose intervals:

[https://www.gov.mb.ca/asset\\_library/en/covidvaccine/clinical\\_practice\\_guidelines.pdf](https://www.gov.mb.ca/asset_library/en/covidvaccine/clinical_practice_guidelines.pdf)

### **Overriding Doses to Valid**

Overriding a dose to valid removes all applicable validation rules, such as minimum age and minimum interval between doses. Therefore, health care providers/PHIMS users must have the clinical knowledge, skill and judgement to assess the immunization as being eligible to override.

Overriding a dose to valid is a clinical decision that should be made on a client-by-client basis, considering all available information and consulting other providers where necessary to confirm the vaccination history. When overriding a dose in PHIMS, the reason for the override must be indicated. Users are reminded to clearly document their rationale for the override in the Comments section. Immunization providers who determine that a COVID vaccine dose should be considered valid are recommended to refer to the *Guidance Document on the Management of Inadvertent Vaccine Errors*, which can be found in *Manitoba COVID-19 Vaccine: Clinical Practice Guidelines for Immunizers and Health Care Providers (Appendix D)*, and include a comment in the corresponding PHIMS immunization record to explain the rationale for the override.

PHIMS Immunization roles include the ability to override a dose to valid. Complete a full clinical analysis before overriding a dose. [QRC 2.6](#) outlines the steps in PHIMS.

### **Need support?**

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