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To: All Public Health Managers and Directors, All PHIMS Communicable Disease

Investigation (CDI) Users

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RE: Exposure Setting Type and Exposure Setting Changes in PHIMS

New COVID-19 Immunization Status by Client Cohort Report in PHIMS

On **Thursday**, **October 7**, **2021**, changes were made to Exposure Setting Types and Exposure Settings in PHIMS to promote more consistent documentation across all Communicable Disease investigations, including COVID-19 and STBBI, to assist with identifying and reporting clusters and outbreaks and to improve outbreak reporting and analysis.

The <u>COVID-19 Case Investigation Form</u> and its <u>Instructions</u> were also updated to reflect these changes, including added appendices to provide guidance around the entry of sensitive environment/occupation and exposure setting type and exposure setting (note: Appendix B highlights the specific changes made to exposure setting type and exposure setting).

Please note that Address is now required on all exposures (AE and TE) where applicable to a defined setting - at a minimum, record street name (and number if available), city, and province. Other address details can be inputted if available.

As well, a new COVID-19 Immunization Report is now available in PHIMS. The report is MB6800B COVID19 Immunization Status by Client Cohort. The purpose of this report is to allow users to see at a glance the number of valid COVID-19 dose(s) a list of Clients have received. Users will run this report for large cohorts (e.g. school class lists), to determine which clients have been fully immunized or not. Based on the Client Cohort COVID-19 Immunization Record Report, a cohort can be created and added to the case's transmission event in PHIMS for

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contact investigation creation, notification and follow up. Refer to the <u>MB6800B-COVID-19</u> <u>Immunization Status by Client Cohort User Guide</u> for additional information.

This report can be found in PHIMS under Immunization > Operational Reports > MB6800B COVID19 Immunization Status by Client Cohort.



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