



Health

Public Health
4th Floor; 300 Carlton Street Winnipeg MB R3B 3M9
vaccines@gov.mb.ca

August 2, 2023

Re: Manitoba's Influenza & COVID-19 Immunization Program Update for Pharmacists

Dear Pharmacist,

As we approach the 2023-24 respiratory virus season, Manitoba Health is pleased to announce that effective September 1, 2023, the remuneration rate for pharmacists administering influenza vaccines will increase to \$8 per dose. In addition to the higher remuneration rate, pharmacies will also receive a \$5 fee for administrative processes. These fees combine for a total of \$13 for each dose of influenza vaccine administered.

This new rate will be in effect until August 31, 2026, at which time it will be reviewed. Manitoba Health will make these changes automatically, nothing is required by pharmacies.

In addition to the Immunization program requirements set out in the *Provincial Immunization Program Standards* and *Informed Consent Guidelines* included within the Immunization Program Manual for Immunization Providers in Manitoba (www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/manual/index.html), the participation of pharmacists in Manitoba's Influenza & COVID-19 Immunization Program will be subject to the following requirements:

- Influenza (and COVID-19) doses administered must be reported via the Manitoba Immunization Registry (PHIMS) within TWO (2) business days of administration*;
- Vaccine wastage must be reported and inventory managed in PHIMS for both influenza and COVID-19 vaccines

**For those who do not have access to PHIMS, access and setup will be arranged (please ensure to identify your pharmacy's PHIMS access status on the Influenza & COVID-19 Immunization Program registration form). For those who have existing access to PHIMS, an updated Information Sharing Agreement (ISA) must be signed.*

PHIMS training will be available prior to the beginning of the season for those who registered for the 2023/24 Influenza & COVID-19 Immunization Program. All pharmacies will be required to complete the training.

PLEASE NOTE: any publicly funded influenza vaccine doses mistakenly entered into DPIN will no longer be captured into PHIMS and will not be eligible for payment. Any other vaccines that are administered by pharmacists should continue to be recorded in DPIN using a PS code. As in previous years, pharmacies continue to be responsible for all costs associated with the administration of the vaccines.

REMINDER: please register for Manitoba's Influenza & COVID-19 Immunization Program on or before August 15th, 2023 to ensure receipt of all communications related to the program (<https://forms.office.com/r/dTEvd2ZMYy>).

Please, email vaccines@gov.mb.ca if you have any questions.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication and contribution to making Manitoba's Influenza and COVID-19 Immunization Program so successful.

"Original Signed By"

Richard Baydack, PhD
A/Co – Executive Director
Population and Public Health
Communicable Disease Control