



## Health, Healthy Living and Seniors

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Dear Health Care Provider:

### **Early Notice: Manitoba's HPV Immunization Program to Include Males, September 2016**

Manitoba Health, Healthy Living and Seniors (MHLS) is expanding its publicly-funded (i.e. free-of-charge) HPV Immunization Program. **Effective September 2016:**

- Healthy males in Grade 6 (school-based program), born on or after January 1<sup>st</sup> 2005 are eligible to receive 2 doses; immunocompromised males and/or immunocompetent HIV-infected males are eligible to receive 3 doses.
- Healthy males in Grade 9 (school-based program), born between January 1<sup>st</sup> 2002 and December 31<sup>st</sup> 2004, are eligible to receive 2 doses (catch-up program). A 3-dose schedule is recommended for males 15 years of age and older, unless the first dose of vaccine was administered before the age of 15.

The Publicly-Funded HPV Immunization Program will continue to be offered in schools by public health nurses (and at doctor's office, public health offices, nursing stations, QuickCare Clinics, ACCESS Centres and/or pharmacies for boys and girls who miss one or more doses of the vaccine when it is offered at school).

Healthy females in Grade 6, born on or after January 1<sup>st</sup> 2004 continue to be eligible for 2 doses of HPV vaccine, and healthy females who missed the HPV vaccine in Grade 6 that are born between 1997 and 2003 are eligible for up to 3 doses.

MHLS is in the process of updating its resources, including a Q&A for Health Care Providers, which will be available in the coming months. Visit the *National Advisory Committee on Immunization's (NACI) 2015 HPV Statement* for more information about HPV, at: [http://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection\\_2015/aspc-phac/HP40-128-2014-eng.pdf](http://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection_2015/aspc-phac/HP40-128-2014-eng.pdf).

Please share this information with all relevant colleagues in your facility or clinic.

Sincerely,

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