



Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care
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RE: Hepatitis A Vaccine Outbreak Eligibility Expansion in Peguis

Dear Health Care Provider,

Manitoba continues to see new cases of locally acquired hepatitis A associated with the ongoing provincial outbreak. As of Jan 18th, 2026, 308 outbreak associated cases have been reported across Manitoba, with more than three-quarters of cases diagnosed among residents of the Northern Health Region. A cluster of cases has also been reported among residents of the Peguis First Nation (Interlake-Eastern Region).

Therefore, in addition to the previously announced outbreak eligibility for the communities of Garden Hill, St. Theresa Point, Wasagamack and Red Sucker Lake, Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care (MHS LTC) is expanding outbreak eligibility for hepatitis A vaccine to Peguis First Nation. Individuals who identify in the following groups and are aged six months and older are eligible for one dose of hepatitis A vaccine:

- community members of Peguis First Nation;
- anyone travelling to or working in Peguis First Nation; and
- those who have household visitors from Peguis First Nation.

Please note, for the outbreak response, one dose is currently recommended. The first dose is highly effective and provides protection for at least a decade. In previous communication, MHS LTC had advised that the outbreak eligibility was for two doses. The priority is to provide as many first doses as possible to everyone who is eligible. As such, we are revising the recommendation to provide only one dose for all individuals eligible under the outbreak response, including the Island Lake communities. The need for a second dose will be reviewed in the future.

For complete vaccine eligibility including outbreak, high-risk medical conditions and lifestyle risks criteria please visit: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/vaccineeligibility.html>.

What can you do?

- Review immunization records and offer hepatitis A vaccines to eligible individuals. Community immunization efforts are ongoing.
- MHS LTC has received reports of locally acquired hepatitis A cases outside of these communities, so we ask you to remain vigilant and aware of the potential for hepatitis A infection among anyone presenting with compatible symptoms. Early identification and clinical assessment, along with testing and reporting to public health are essential. Hepatitis A vaccine is routinely offered and provided to all eligible contacts of cases.
- Refer to the hepatitis A communicable disease protocol for further information: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/hepa.pdf>.

Vaccines can be requested by completing the Manitoba Health Vaccines and Biologics Order Form (www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/vaccinebiologics.pdf) and faxing or emailing the completed form to the Provincial Vaccine Warehouse.

If you have any questions, please email vaccines@gov.mb.ca. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

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