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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 1st 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 1st 2002 and December 31st 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 1st 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.

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

Sincerely,

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