

March 23, 2023

TO: Saskatchewan Health Authority
Indigenous Services Canada- SK Region
Saskatchewan College of Respiratory Therapists
Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals
Saskatchewan Association of Licensed Practical Nurses
College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan
Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan
Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch

Northern Intertribal Health Authority
Saskatchewan Medical Association
Saskatchewan College of Paramedics
College of Registered Nurses of Saskatchewan

Re: Spring 2023 Second COVID-19 Bivalent Booster Dose Eligibility and Interval Recommendations

Dear Colleagues,


On March 3, 2023, the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) released the [Guidance on an additional COVID-19 booster dose in the spring of 2023 for individuals at high risk of severe illness due to COVID-19](#) statement that recommends a second COVID-19 bivalent booster dose for individuals at high risk of severe COVID-19 illness and outcomes.

Starting March 27, 2023, the following populations are eligible and recommended to receive a second COVID-19 bivalent vaccine booster dose **six or more months** (absolute minimum of five months if operationally required) from their last COVID-19 booster dose or COVID-19 infection (whichever interval is longer as applicable):

- Adults 80 years of age and older.
- Adult residents 18 years of age and older in long-term care facilities, personal care homes, and congregate living settings providing care for seniors (i.e. assisted living settings).
- Adults 18 years of age and older who are moderately to severely immunocompromised with medical conditions described at <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/healthy-living/canadian-immunization-guide-part-4-active-vaccines/page-26-covid-19-vaccine.html#a6.4.considerations>.
- Adults 65-79 years of age, *particularly* if they do not have a known prior history of COVID-19 infection (verbal confirmation is acceptable from the client or their caregiver).

All others five years and older are eligible to receive one bivalent booster dose six months (absolute minimum of five months if operationally required) from their previous dose or previous COVID-19 infection, regardless of the vaccine type and number of doses previously received. All recommendations will be posted March 27, 2023 in the [COVID – 19 Booster Dose Parameters and Recommendations](#) page in the *Saskatchewan Immunization Manual* Chapter 10.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Kryzanowski".

Dr. Julie Kryzanowski
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