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Saskatchewan
Minister of Health
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**MINISTER'S ORDER
DESIGNATING ADDITIONAL VACCINE PROVIDERS FOR COVID-19 AND
INFLUENZA VACCINE**

WHEREAS section 37.1(2) of *The Public Health Act, 1994* (the Act) provide as follows:

37.1(2) The minister may establish vaccination programs to coordinate the delivery of vaccines and the administration of vaccinations on a province-wide basis against communicable diseases.

AND WHEREAS section 37.1(3) of the Act provides as follows:

37.1(3) For the purposes of a program, the minister may appoint those persons as vaccination providers who the minister is satisfied are qualified to administer vaccinations for the program.

AND WHEREAS it is desirable and in the public interest that a class of persons be designated to carry out COVID-19 and influenza vaccination provider duties outlined in *The Public Health Act, 1994*.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Everett Hindley, Minister of Health, do hereby:

1. Designate the following classes of persons, as COVID-19 and influenza vaccination providers pursuant to section 37.1 of *The Public Health Act, 1994* while they are acting on behalf of the Saskatchewan Health Authority, Indigenous Services Canada-Saskatchewan Region, Northern Inter-Tribal Health Authority, a Licensed Pharmacist, or acting in their professional capacity as set by the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals and who have met the conditions to the administration of vaccinations as set out in Appendix A:
 - Pharmacist Interns
 - Pharmacy Technicians
 - Individuals registered and licensed with the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals (SCPP)

This Order remains in effect until March 31, 2025.

DATED at Regina, Saskatchewan this 26th day of March, 2024.

Order # 2024-04



Everett Hindley
Minister of Health

FACT SHEET

Type of Request: Minister's Order **Date:** March 25, 2024

Title of Request: Minister's Order - Designation of Immunizers under *The Public Health Act, 1994*.

Minister: Honourable Everett Hindley

Ministry: Health

Gazetting: No

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Time Frame: As soon as possible

Purpose, Summary and Background:

- a) Purpose:** Since March 2021, through an amendment in *The Disease Control Regulations*, additional immunizers have been utilized to complete the COVID-19 and Influenza vaccination campaigns including dietitians, nurses, medical and pharmacy students, among others. The intention of the order is to enable an efficient use of licensed Health Care Workers while engaging additional immunizers to support the COVID-19 Vaccination Plan and the Annual Influenza Program. The authority through Regulation was repealed on March 31, 2022. A Minister's Order was signed on March 29, 2023, to allow for the continuing use of additional immunizers for COVID-19 and Influenza vaccination campaigns. This order expires on March 31, 2024. To ensure ongoing access to additional immunizers, a Minister's Order is needed under authority provided in *The Public Health Act, 1994*.
- b) Summary:** A Minister's Order has been drafted for approval and signature to designate classes of persons, not already authorized to deliver vaccinations through other legislation, to meet the demand of COVID-19 and influenza immunization campaigns now and in the future.
- c) Background:**
- Under the authority of section 37.1 of *The Public Health Act, 1994*, "the minister may appoint those persons as vaccination providers who the minister is satisfied are qualified to administer vaccinations for the program".

- Order in Council 535/2021, dated November 3, 2021, determined the March 31, 2022, repeal date for section 25.3 (Emergency Vaccination Program) of *The Disease Control Regulations*.
- Section 25.3 states: "The Saskatchewan COVID-19 Immunization Delivery Plan is established to coordinate and provide a province-wide program to administer COVID-19 vaccines. For the purposes of these regulations, the minister may appoint those persons who the minister is satisfied are qualified to administer vaccinations as COVID vaccination providers".
- Section 37.1 now provides the necessary authority for the Minister to designate classes of persons (in addition to health care workers already authorized) to administer immunizations in accordance with an established immunization program or plan.
- The Minister's Order includes a list of those classes of vaccination providers authorized to carry out COVID-19 and Influenza vaccination. It also includes conditions that must be met to perform these vaccinations.

Authority:

Section 37.1 of *The Public Health Act, 1994*.

Alternatives:

None.

**Implications:
(political,
intergovernmental, or
interdepartmental)**

- Once signed, the Minister's Order will be shared with the designated classes of health care workers identified in Appendix A and copied to the Saskatchewan Health Authority, Athabasca Health Authority, Northern Inter-Tribal Health Authority and Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals for information.
- Going forward, review of the immunizer designation will be conducted annually as part of the COVID-19 Vaccination Plan and the Annual Influenza Program evaluation.