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TO: Emergency Operations Centre  
Medical Health Officers  
Public Health Managers  
Public Health Immunization Coordinators  
Saskatchewan College of Respiratory Therapists  
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

Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association  
Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals  
Saskatchewan College of Paramedics  
Saskatchewan Medical Association

**Re: Directive to Immunize Children Born in 2009 before 12 Years of Age**

Dear Colleagues:

The Government of Saskatchewan is permitting children born in 2009 to be immunized with COVID-19 vaccine before their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday. **Only Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is to be provided for immunization of these children.** Prior to this directive, children born in 2009 had to wait until they turned 12 years old to be immunized with Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

Saskatchewan has closely monitored the implementation of this eligibility expansion by Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba and Ontario. No additional safety risks or adverse events following immunization have been identified in this age demographic. This directive ensures that more students have the opportunity to be immunized against COVID-19 as soon as possible.

Parents can attend local clinics or book an appointment with their pharmacy. COVID-19 immunization may be offered in schools by public health this fall.

Standard informed consent processes apply. If immunized in schools, a paper consent form will be sent home to obtain parental/guardian informed consent. If parents bring their children to a clinic or a pharmacy for immunization, verbal informed consent will be obtained by the immunizer.

Sincerely,



Dr. Saqib Shahab  
Chief Medical Health Office