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College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan  
Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan  
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**Re: Directive to Immunize Children with a COVID-19 Vaccine Series**

Dear Colleagues:

As the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine was licensed for use in those 12 years and older on August 27, 2021, either a Pfizer BioNTech **or** a Moderna COVID-19 vaccine series may be provided to children born in 2009 or earlier.

Children should receive the same mRNA vaccine brand for their COVID-19 vaccine series.

**It is important that immunizers double check the immunization records of children presenting for COVID-19 immunization to avoid giving a mixed vaccine brand series to children if possible.**

A mixed vaccine series is acceptable in Canada but may require a future third dose for travel purposes. Immunizers are reminded to also check with parents or guardians as applicable to ensure that the immunization record of their child is correct.

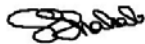
Parents can attend local clinics or book an appointment with their pharmacy. COVID-19 immunization may be offered in schools by public health this fall.

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Standard informed consent processes apply. If immunized in schools, a paper consent form for either mRNA vaccine 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Saqib Shahab', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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