

February 8, 2022

TO: Saskatchewan Health Authority
Indigenous Services Canada- Saskatchewan Region
Northern Intertribal Health Authority
Saskatchewan Medical Association
College of Registered Nurses of Saskatchewan
Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals
Saskatchewan College of Paramedics
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

Re: COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters for Children 12-17 Years Old

Dear Colleagues:

The Government of Saskatchewan is providing information on booster doses for children 12-17 years old.

Effective **immediately** all children 12-17 years old are eligible to receive a booster dose a minimum of **five months** after the last dose in their primary series. Children 12-17 years of age who are immunocompromised continue to be eligible to receive a booster **three months** after the last dose in their primary series.

National Advisory Committee on Immunization recommends a booster dose for individuals 12 to 17 years of age who may be at higher risk of severe outcomes from COVID-19 infection, due to having an underlying medical condition, living in congregate living settings, or living in racialized or marginalized communities disproportionately affected by COVID-19

(<https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/phac-aspc/documents/services/immunization/national-advisory-committee-on-immunization-naci/guidance-use-booster-covid-19-vaccines-adolescents-12-17-years-age.pdf>).

The use of the Pfizer-BioNTech mRNA booster dose (30 mcg) is preferred to the use of the Moderna mRNA booster dose (50 mcg dose) in adolescents to further minimize the rare risk of myocarditis and/or pericarditis following vaccination in this age group.

Sincerely,



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Chief Medical Health Officer
