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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

Dear Colleagues:

Re: COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Dose Interval Eligibility

The Government of Saskatchewan is providing an update to booster dose interval eligibility for non-immunocompromised adults 18 years and older to bring consistency to recommended intervals for those 12 years and older.

Effective **immediately,** adults who are non-immunocompromised are eligible to receive a booster dose five months after the last dose in their primary series (minimum four months interval is permitted).

Adults who previously received their booster dose at three months do not need to be reimmunized.

Modelling and breakthrough data suggests that this timeframe will have an impact on COVID-19 epidemiology and hospitalizations, while achieving more enduring protection.

Adults residing in long-term care facilities, personal care homes and other congregate living settings remain eligible to receive their first booster dose at a minimum interval of three months after the last dose in their primary series, and their second booster a minimum of five months (minimum four months interval is permitted) from their first booster dose, to facilitate broader immunization within these living settings. Immunocompromised individuals 12 years and older remain eligible for their booster dose three months after the last dose in their primary series.

Sincerely,

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