

August 30, 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

Dear Colleagues:

Re: COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters for Children 5-11 Years Old

The Government of Saskatchewan is providing information on booster doses for children five to 11 years old.

Effective August 31, 2022:

- All children five to 11 years old living in Saskatchewan, are eligible to receive a booster dose of Pfizer BioNTech's Comirnaty (10 mcg) a minimum of four months after the last dose in their primary series.

Note: Moderna's Spikevax is not authorized for use as a booster in this age group at this time.


On August 19, 2022, the Pfizer BioNTech Comirnaty (10mcg) COVID-19 vaccine was authorized as a booster dose in children five to 11 years of age.

- The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) strongly recommends that a booster dose of Pfizer BioNTech Comirnaty (10 mcg) COVID-19 vaccine **should** be offered to children five to 11 years of age with an underlying medical condition that places them at high risk of severe illness due to COVID-19. Examples of such conditions are included in the NACI statement.
- NACI also recommends that in the context of heightened epidemiological risk, a booster dose **may** be given to all children five to 11 years of age.
- NACI recommends the booster dose be offered at an interval of at least six months since completion of the primary series as a longer dose may result in a better immune response, however a shorter interval of at least three months may be warranted.

For more information regarding the NACI recommendations see the full statement:
<https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/phac-aspc/documents/services/immunization/national-advisory-committee-on-immunization-naci/recommendations-use-first-booster-dose-pfizer-biontech-comirnaty-covid-19-vaccine-children-5-11-years.pdf>

A parent/legal guardian must be present to provide verbal, informed consent. If the parent chooses an adult designate (e.g. grandparent, aunt) to accompany the child for a vaccine, a [consent form](#) signed by the parent/guardian must be presented.

Sincerely,



Dr. Saqib Shahab
Chief Medical Health Officer

cc: Medical Health Officers