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## **RE: The Manitoba COVID-19 Immunization Program Registration**

Dear Pharmacy Provider,

The COVID-19 Immunization Program is the largest immunization campaign in the province's history. To date, more than 40,000 doses of vaccine have been administered to Manitobans across the province at super sites, personal care homes and in First Nations communities. Expanding access to pharmacies and medical clinics is the next phase of planning for accessible and equitable vaccine roll-out to Manitobans.

The Vaccine Implementation Task Force is starting to accept online registration eForms to participate in the Manitoba COVID-19 Immunization Program. The **COVID-19 Vaccine Program Registration eForm for Pharmacies** and **COVID-19 Vaccine Program Requirements** are available online at <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/vaccine/partners/index.html>.

Pharmacies interested in participating in the COVID-19 Immunization Program **must** review the program requirements and complete/submit the online registration eForm. **Please submit only one registration eForm per pharmacy.** Applications will be reviewed and assessed in the order in which they were received. Please ensure you complete the registration form as accurately as possible to mitigate delays in the review process.

Following an internal review, a member of the Vaccine Implementation Task Force (VITF) will be notifying applicants of the status of their application. The amount of vaccine doses and timing of shipment to each participating pharmacy will depend on a multitude of factors, including:

- COVID-19 case numbers and epidemiology in a community;
- the proportion of eligible Manitobans served by the medical clinic or pharmacy;
- the provider's capacity to administer the vaccine; and,
- if people have access to the vaccine at other locations, such as super sites and focused immunization teams.

Before shipping vaccine, the VITF will endeavor to provide participating pharmacies with as much lead-time as possible. Participating pharmacies should be prepared to begin immunizing eligible clients once they receive their COVID-19 vaccine shipment, with the knowledge that multi-dose vaccines can only be used for a predetermined amount of time once punctured (e.g., up to six (6) hours after puncture). This is unlike the flu vaccine that contains preservatives rendering it useable for up to several days/months after puncture.

Successful applicants will be receiving communication from Shared Health about the data entry requirements to use the Public Health Information Management System (PHIMS) to record doses administered, inventory, wastage and to view client immunization records.

If you have any questions or comments about the process or information shared herein, please refer to <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/vaccine/partners/index.html> or email [COVID@gov.mb.ca](mailto:COVID@gov.mb.ca).

Sincerely,

Vaccine Implementation Task Force