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## **COVID-19 Vaccine: Expansion of Third Doses to Personal Care Homes**

This is to advise that Manitoba, like Ontario and Alberta, is planning to provide a third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine for residents of personal care homes. A provincial announcement about this will be occurring today.

It is anticipated that this program will be rolled out in the coming weeks. Residents and staff of First Nations personal care homes will be offered booster doses starting this week. This will be followed by residents of all other personal care homes beginning in October.

It is important to ensure that this planning coordinates well with the implementation of influenza immunization in personal care homes, and that consent processes are completed prior to administration of dose three of COVID-19 vaccine.

Manitoba public health officials continue to review the co-administration evidence and will update guidance accordingly. At this time NACI recommends to wait at least 28 days after any dose of a COVID-19 vaccine before the administration of a non-COVID-19 vaccine and to wait at least 14 days after the administration of another vaccine before administering a COVID-19 vaccine unless there are individual circumstances that warrant shortening this waiting period (e.g., exposure to a virus, starting immunosuppressive therapy or treatment, etc.).

The Clinical Practice Guidelines will be updated to reflect these changes and posted at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/healthcare-professionals.html>.

Please share this information with all relevant colleagues in your facility/clinic.

Sincerely,

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