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Dear Health Care Provider:

Re: Novavax XBB.1.5 COVID-19 Vaccine Availability, Collaborative Vaccine Redistribution and Updated Respiratory Illness Screening Resources

Novavax XBB.1.5 COVID-19 Vaccine

The Novavax XBB.1.5 COVID-19 vaccine was approved by Health Canada on December 5, 2023 and is now available in Manitoba. The Novavax vaccine is indicated for individuals 12 years of age and older. It can be offered as an alternative to individuals who are unable or unwilling to receive the preferentially recommended mRNA COVID vaccines.

To request doses of the Novavax XBB.1.5 COVID-19 vaccine, please send an email to vaccines@gov.mb.ca with your order details. Additionally, please ensure that you include your Holding Point Code in the email when requesting doses for efficient processing of your order. Novavax XBB.1.5 is available in 5-dose vials.

Please be advised that there will be limited delivery opportunities the week of Dec 25-29, 2023 due to holiday closures.

Provincial resources, including the Novavax XBB.1.5 product monograph, COVID-19 Vaccine Comparison Chart, and more are being updated and will be posted online as soon as they are available : <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/health-care-providers.html>

Physicians can bill for the administration of the Novavax XBB.1.5 vaccine using tariff code 8163. The updated Immunization Tariff Code Listing can be located at https://www.gov.mb.ca/asset_library/en/covidvaccine/tariff-code-listing-with-brands.pdf

Collaborative Vaccine Redistribution Survey

We are currently conducting a survey to identify healthcare providers with surplus doses of Influenza and COVID vaccines that can be redistributed within our healthcare network. Additionally, we are looking to see if there are any providers seeking additional vaccine doses to ensure a more equitable distribution across the province.

- The survey includes questions about surplus boxes/vials of the various Influenza and COVID-19 vaccines.
- The sooner you respond, the better! We are looking to promptly match providers with surplus boxes/vials to those in need, optimizing the distribution process. However, this

is an open-ended survey and responses can be submitted throughout the rest of the respiratory season.

- **How to Participate:** Please follow <https://forms.office.com/r/X6d3GBGWgc> to complete the survey.

Vaccine Finder Map

Health care providers are urged to ensure the accuracy of their location's COVID-19 and Influenza vaccine availability on the Vaccine Finder Map by submitting updates through <https://forms.office.com/r/fZh8GGdJqQ>. The map is refreshed daily from Monday to Friday using data from this source.

If you identify any discrepancies on the map, please communicate them via email to vaccines@gov.mb.ca, ensuring to include your Holding Point Code in all correspondences.

Respiratory Illness Resources

There are new posters on preventing the spread of respiratory viruses and screening available at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/flu/resources.html> and <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/public-resources.html>

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

If you have any questions, please email vaccines@gov.mb.ca

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