

	Name of Activity: COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility and Procedure for Non-Residents & Residents Immunized Out of Province		
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Work Standard Summary: This work standard outlines eligibility criteria and procedures for COVID-19 immunization of individuals who are:

- Saskatchewan residents who hold a valid Saskatchewan health card but received their COVID-19 vaccine out of province/country.
- Out of province (OOP) residents who do not hold a valid Saskatchewan health card.

Essential Tasks:	
1.	<p>Eligibility Criteria <u>Saskatchewan and Out of Province (OOP) Residents</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals who meet eligibility criteria with a valid Saskatchewan HSN or reside in Lloydminster Alberta and receive Saskatchewan immunization services are eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccines, including additional/booster doses. • The following individuals staying in the province for two weeks or longer may present to a Saskatchewan Public Health immunization provider and receive a COVID-19 vaccine if they meet eligibility criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adults and children who are Canadian residents; ○ Non-Canadian adults and children who are landed immigrants or refugees; ○ Non-Canadian residents and their children who are working and/or studying in Canada for any length of time; and ○ Other non-Canadian residents or visitors who do not meet an above criterion may be assessed on a case-by-case basis prior to receiving publicly funded immunization services. • Individuals who received a COVID-19 vaccine out of province and require additional doses to complete their primary series (i.e. second dose of Pfizer, Moderna, or AstraZeneca), are eligible to receive an appropriate COVID-19 vaccine within the recommended interval based on the current provincial guidelines. • Residents of border communities outside of Saskatchewan are permitted to receive first and/or second COVID-19 vaccine doses as part of the Saskatchewan program. • Individuals who meet the eligibility criteria and who are living, working or going to school in Saskatchewan, are eligible for additional/booster doses. This excludes visitors here for less than 2 weeks. • Individuals who received one or two doses of a non-Health Canada authorized COVID-19 vaccine should be offered one additional dose (preferentially mRNA vaccine) based on the Public Health Agency of Canada’s guidance document: https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/guidance-documents/recommendations-those-vaccinated-with-vaccines-not-authorized-health-canada-staying-canada-live-work-study.html

Essential Tasks:

- Previous doses must be documented into COVID-19 Quick Entry (CQE) or Panorama prior to immunization (if possible).

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Procedures

Saskatchewan Residents

- Those who received COVID-19 immunization in a different jurisdiction/country may receive their immunization at any COVID-19 vaccine clinic.
- Valid, written documentation of COVID-19 immunization is required and must be presented prior to or at the time of immunization for individuals who started a COVID-19 vaccine series in a different jurisdiction/country to show proof of first dose, including the individual's name, vaccine product/brand, and date vaccine was administered.
 - Valid written document must be an original or a copy of an official document from a health authority, pharmacy, or other health care provider.
 - Verbal history will not be accepted.
 - If the health care provider confirms written documentation cannot be obtained, offer to restart the COVID-19 vaccine series.
 - When valid written documentation is provided, it must be entered into the client's record in COVID-19 Quick Entry (CQE) or Panorama to ensure a complete immunization record.

OOP Residents

- Individuals without a Saskatchewan health services card can only be immunized at a Public Health immunization clinic.
- A provincial, territorial, or federal health services card number will be requested from Canadian residents, landed immigrants and refugees prior to receiving publicly funded immunization services in Saskatchewan. Instructions on entering this information into Panorama can be found in the Panorama Gateway.
 - An absence of this information shall not be a barrier to receiving the COVID-19 vaccines at a Public Health immunization clinic, as long as they have government issued identification for proof of age for eligibility, especially when emergency circumstances are applicable to the individual's situation.
- Valid, written documentation of previous COVID-19 immunization is required and must be presented prior to or at the time of immunization for individuals who started a COVID-19 vaccine series in a different jurisdiction to show proof of first dose including the individual's name, vaccine product/brand, and date vaccine was administered.
 - Valid written document must be an original or a copy of an official document from a province/territory, country, health authority, pharmacy, or other health care provider.
 - Verbal history will not be accepted.
 - If the health care provider confirms written documentation cannot be obtained, offer to restart the COVID-19 vaccine series.
 - When valid written documentation is provided, it must be entered into the client's record in COVID-19 Quick Entry (CQE) or Panorama to ensure a complete immunization record.
- Those who are eligible to apply for a Saskatchewan Health Card (HSN) should be encouraged to do so.
- Out of country and out of province individuals who are eligible to receive publicly funded immunizations in Saskatchewan **may be required to sign** a health authority immunization liability waiver to protect the Public Health vaccine providers from possible legal action in the future (e.g., if an unexpected adverse event following immunization occurs).