

April 18, 2023

TO: Saskatchewan Health Authority
Indigenous Services Canada- SK Region
Saskatchewan College of Respiratory Therapists
Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals
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

Northern Intertribal Health Authority
Saskatchewan Medical Association
Saskatchewan College of Paramedics
College of Registered Nurses of Saskatchewan

Re: Clarification - Spring 2023 Second COVID-19 Bivalent Booster Dose Eligibility and Interval Recommendations

Dear Colleagues,

The intent of this letter is to clarify reported immunizer and public confusion regarding the bullet below, that was included in the Ministry of Health's March 23, 2023, [Spring 2023 Second COVID-19 Bivalent Booster Dose Eligibility](#) communication:

- Adults 65-79 years of age, *particularly* if they do not have a known prior history of COVID-19 infection (verbal confirmation is acceptable from the client or their caregiver).

To clarify all adults 65 -79 years are eligible to receive their second bivalent booster dose **six or more months** (absolute minimum of five months if operationally required) from their last COVID-19 booster dose **or** COVID-19 infection (whichever interval is longer as applicable).

- Those who have not had a COVID-19 infection **are strongly** encouraged to receive their second bivalent vaccine as they may be at higher risk of severe illness due to lack of hybrid immunity.
- Those who have a history of previous COVID-19 infection and request their second bivalent booster can receive it as long as six months has passed since infection or last booster dose (whichever is longer).

Sincerely,



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