

## Saskatchewan Immunization Manual Amendments 2021-11-17

**Instructions:** Please remove and discard the corresponding pages in each chapter section as applicable and insert the amended pages as noted below in each corresponding chapter section.

### Chapter 10 Biological Products

- TOC
  - Janssen added to first page
  - Herpes zoster now top of second page
  
- AstraZeneca COVISHIELD COVID-19 vaccine
  - 8 weeks is recommended interval for scheduling primary series.
  - mRNA vaccine **is preferred** as the second dose for those who received AZ or COVISHIELD as their first dose (unless contraindicated), resulting in increased immunogenicity.
  - It is recommended that people who received two doses of AZ and/or COVISHIELD as a primary series receive an mRNA booster vaccine at 6 months after completion of their primary series. A viral vector vaccine could be given to those for whom there is a contraindication to an mRNA.
  - New Precaution – Immune thrombocytopenia
  
- **NEW!** Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 vaccine
  - Please review content.
  - 5 dose vial. Single dose series.
  - Specific storage and handling recommendations must be reviewed. Expiry date to be updated when in thawed refrigerated state.
  
- Moderna COVID-19 vaccine
  - 8 weeks is recommended interval for scheduling primary series.
  - Update Product monograph
  - **NEW! VIAL STOPPERS MAY ONLY BE ENTERED/POKED 20 TIMES (EVEN IF A 14-DOSE VIAL)!**
  - NEW! Reporting Wastage
    - For Moderna Spikevax® vaccine: reflect the wastage quantity based on total full doses expected in the vial. However when the wastage quantity includes a half dose, reflect the half dose wasted. For example, if 2.5 doses were utilized from a 10 dose vial, report wastage quantity as 7.5 doses.
  - **NEW! Revised booster dose recommendations:**
    - **Booster doses: the dosage depends on the risk factor:**
      - 0.5 ml for those 70 years and older.
      - 0.5 ml for Long Term Care (Special Care Homes), Personal Care Homes and Seniors' Assisted Living residents, regardless of age.
      - 0.25 ml for all others prioritized for booster doses.
  
- Pfizer **+12 years** COVID-19 vaccine
  - **New statement:** Children born in 2009 are eligible for immunization with this vaccine until a pediatric (5-11 years) formulation is licensed.
  - 8 weeks is recommended interval for scheduling primary series.
  - Updated product monograph.