

March 6, 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

Dear Colleagues:

**Re: UPDATE - Moderna SPIKEVAX™ Infant Monovalent Vaccine Shelf-Life Extension Lot 047D22A**

On January 13, 2023, the Ministry of Health issued a letter (<https://www.ehealthsask.ca/services/Manuals/Documents/Use%20of%20Pfizer%20%20all%20first%20doses%20age%206mo-5yrs-%202023-01-12.pdf>) regarding a foreseen temporary shortage of Moderna infant (six months to five years old) vaccine.

There is no longer an expected shortage as a new supply of Moderna's infant vaccine will arrive in Canada in at the end of March 2023. Also, on March 2, 2023, Health Canada granted a shelf-life extension to lot 047D22A until **June 8, 2023**.

- This extension **only applies to vials that have remained frozen**. Once a product is thawed, it can only be stored in the refrigerator at 2-8°C for 30 days.

Immunizers are requested to advise parents and caregivers of young children that

1. Children who started their primary series with Moderna infant vaccine may continue their series with Moderna.
2. Children who are unimmunized may start their primary series with either Moderna (preferentially recommended for immunocompromised children) OR Pfizer vaccine.
3. There is no impact on young children who are only receiving a Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine in their primary series.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Kryzanowski".

Dr. Julie Kryzanowski  
Deputy Chief Medical Health Officer

cc: Saskatchewan Medical Health Officers

