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**Date:** Oct. 6, 2021  
**To:** All Health-Care Workers  
**From:** COVID-19 Incident Command

**Re: Third Dose COVID-19 Vaccination Eligibility for Health-Care Workers**

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**Manitoba is expanding access to third doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to include health-care workers whose roles involve direct contact with patients, residents or clients.** Also included are all First Nation health-care workers, including Traditional Healers and Knowledge Keepers.

Accessing the third dose is voluntary and does not change or impact an individual's "fully vaccinated" status. However, the third dose is recommended as an **additional layer of protection now available to health care workers.**

Individuals who have received two doses of the COVID-19 will continue to be considered "fully vaccinated" once 14 days have passed since receiving their second dose.

It is recommended that the third dose be given at least six months after an individual's second dose, unless other [third-dose criteria](#) are met.

Health-care workers who wish to receive a third dose of the vaccine can receive it at any clinic or site where the COVID vaccine is offered. This includes participating physicians and pharmacies, regional vaccine clinics, and Urban Indigenous Clinics. Information on facility-based or regional occupational health clinics throughout the province will also be shared with health-care workers in the coming weeks.

**A prescription is NOT required for health-care workers to access a third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.** Workplace identification should be presented at the vaccine appointment.

Manitoba is now also allowing the COVID-19 vaccine to be given at the same time as other vaccines, including the Influenza vaccine. This change is consistent with updated guidance from the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) on September 28.

**Health-care workers are encouraged to get your flu vaccine as soon as possible to protect yourself and your patients, residents and clients.**

To confirm the date of your second dose, visit <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/test-results/> or <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/immunizationrecord/residents.html#immunization-records>.