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Immunization Clinic Update

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The Covid-19 vaccine response is changing quickly. Please make sure you have the most current information to plan for and administer the Covid-19 vaccine. Every year nurses are hired to provide vaccines at community sites.

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) provides guidance regarding the storing, handling, and transporting of vaccines, documentation of immunizations, and administration for children and adults. The MDH website has several documents available to provide guidance for safe immunization administration: Preparing COVID-19 Vaccines for Administration (state.mn.us) (https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine/adminprep.pdf) and a link to receive weekly vaccine provider updates at: COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Updates - Minnesota Dept. of Health (state.mn.us (https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine/vaxbulletin.html)). The MDH has a Provider Hotline for questions at (651)-201-5414.

The Minnesota Board of Pharmacy also has requirements about the distribution of vaccines including the delivery of vaccines to nurse's homes. Minnesota Statutes do not allow registered or licensed practical nurses to receive vaccine shipments at their residence. Proper storage and handling of vaccines is essential to ensure their viability for patients. Additionally, any company shipping vaccines into Minnesota must be licensed by the Board of Pharmacy. The Board encourages nurses to call:

- The MDH Immunization Program at 1-800-657-3970 or 651-201-5503 if you have questions about vaccines.
- The Board of Pharmacy at 651-201-2825 regarding the distribution of vaccines; and
- The Board of Nursing at 612-317-3000 with nursing practice concerns.

Please visit MDH Immunization - Minnesota Department of Health (state.mn.us) (https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/index.html) home page or MDH Influenza (Flu) - Minnesota Department of Health (https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/flu/index.html) for comprehensive resources on flu, including template screening forms, sample protocols, and administration guidance.

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