

COVID-19 Vaccines

Quick Reference Guide

This short guide will provide you with key information on how to bill for COVID-19 vaccinations in Manitoba.

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What is the tariff for the COVID-19 vaccine?

8256 – Astra Zeneca – per dose - \$20

Notes:

1. Claims to be submitted to MHSAL within two (2) business days of service delivery.
2. Physicians must report the eligibility criteria for immunization on the claim in accordance with Public Health guidelines.
3. Physicians must report vaccine inventory to Public Health on a weekly basis and/or as directed by Public Health. The system for inventory reporting will be determined by Public Health and communicated to physicians.
4. Determination of patient eligibility and obtaining patient consent are included within the fee.
5. Physicians are required to schedule a second dose appointment with patients following administration of the first dose. Physicians are required to reasonably follow-up with patients to ensure the second dose is administered within recommended guidelines.
6. Physicians shall provide equitable access for vaccinations for all eligible Manitobans regardless of whether the patient is in the physician's existing panel of patients.
7. Manitoba Health has determined that this service, when provided during an after hours period, is not urgent or emergent and therefore After Hours Premiums may not be claimed in addition.

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What other requirements do I need to submit the COVID-19 vaccine tariff?

Special Circumstance Indicators

There is a mandatory requirement that an immunization reason must be given on all claims for this vaccine. The special circumstances indicator field should be populated using one of the reasons listed below when submitting a claim for the COVID-19 vaccination. The valid values for the Special Circumstances Indicator are:

- 1 = Personal Care Home Resident
- 2 = Health Care Worker
- 3 = Community with disproportionate disease impact
- 4 = Congregate living, other
- 5 = Routine (age-based indication)
- 6 = Essential Worker
- 7 = Pre-existing Condition

Can a visit be claimed during the administration of the vaccine?

Yes. While the tariff for the actual administration of the vaccine includes establishing a "vaccine confident" patient's eligibility and obtaining their consent, there are times when physicians must spend more time with patients. In these situations, a visit may also be claimed.

You may claim a visit if you:

- Respond to patient concerns to address their vaccine hesitancy,
- Assess more complex medication situations to advise a patient on risks and benefits,
- Assist a patient with enhanced consent (e.g. for pregnant, breastfeeding or immuno-suppressed patients), or
- Answer a patient's detailed questions about the vaccine and their personal suitability.

If the immunization is provided at the same time as a visit for a separate purpose (ex. Annual examination, monitoring chronic condition, etc.), that visit can be claimed. However, you must make sure to confirm the visit activities are not part of the special tariff and document the reason for the visit.

QUESTIONS?

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