

Manitoba Health COVID-19 Vaccine Tariffs

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 are the tariffs for the COVID-19 vaccines?

Fee Code	Description	Value
8251	Pfizer-BioNTech – per dose	\$20
8252	Moderna – per dose	\$20
8256	Astra Zeneca – per dose	\$20
8292	Pediatric Pfizer BioNTech – per dose	\$20
8293	Moderna Booster – per half dose	\$20
8255	Johnson & Johnson – per dose	\$20

- Claims to be submitted to MHSAL within two (2) business days of service delivery.
- Physicians must report the eligibility criteria for immunization on the claim in accordance with Public Health guidelines.
- 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.
- Determination of patient eligibility and obtaining patient consent are included within the fee.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Physicians must review a patient's electronic COVID-19 immunization history through eChart or PHIMS to review any previous immunization history, interval between doses, if required, and product history to ensure second doses match current provincial.
- Physicians must ensure vaccine products are stored and handled as per the product monographs.

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

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.

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What code can I bill for extended visits to respond to patients' vaccine concerns and hesitancy?

8330 COVID-19 Immunization hesitancy advice - \$37.80

- Payable for COVID-19 immunization advice provided in person to patients who have not received a COVID-19 vaccine. Advice may include, but is not limited to, discussions on indications, contraindications, benefits and risks of immunization, questions concerning immunization in general, questions regarding a specific vaccine product, or addressing concerns about after effects.
- Payable in addition to a visit for a condition not related to vaccination.
- Payable in addition to a vaccination tariff.
- Payable if patient elects not to receive vaccine during the visit.
- Not payable in addition to a visit arranged for the express purpose of receiving a COVID vaccination.
- Patient/Physician contact time for the advice shall be a minimum of 10 minutes, exclusive of time spent on the unrelated visit.
- Service cannot be delegated to a nurse or other employee of the physician's practice.
- Claimable once per patient, per physician.
- 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.
- After Hours Premiums may not be claimed in addition.

QUESTIONS?

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