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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

**Re: Update to COVID-19 Booster Dose Interval Clarification**

Dear Colleagues:

This letter is to provide further clarification on booster doses following travel doses as well as the minimum interval between the last dose and the booster dose.

- Everyone 50 years of age and older is eligible for a second booster four months after the last dose, regardless of the number of doses they previously received.
- Count only one of the travel doses as a first booster as long as one was administered three months or longer after the last primary series dose. Any other doses they received would be considered extra and they are eligible for a second booster if they meet eligibility criteria.
- The interval between primary series and the first booster and between first and second booster is **four months**, however, a minimum interval of three months can be used on a case-by-case basis in exceptional circumstances such as travel.

**Table 1: Examples of COVID-19 Booster Doses after Travel Doses**

| Example | Comments |
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| Two AZ administered<br>• March 20, 2021<br>• May 30, 2021<br><br>Two mRNA doses administered less than 3 months after second dose of AZ<br>• July 15, 2021<br>• August 15, 2021 | • AZ doses are primary series<br>• Both mRNAs are within three months of second AZ, therefore neither mRNA are counted as first booster<br>• They can receive first booster now if they meet eligibility criteria<br>• They can receive a second booster 4 months after their first booster if they meet eligibility criteria |
| Two AZ administered<br>• March 20, 2021<br>• May 30, 2021<br><br>Two mRNA doses administered less than 3 months after second dose of AZ<br>• July 15, 2021<br>• August 15, 2021<br><br>First booster received May 10, 2022 | • AZ doses are primary series<br>• mRNA given in July and August 2021 are within three months of second AZ, therefore neither are counted as first booster<br>• mRNA given on May 10, 2022, is counted as the first booster because it was administered three months or more after last dose in primary series<br>• They can receive second booster 4 months after the first booster (on or after Sept 10, 2022) if they meet eligibility criteria |

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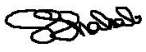
| Two AZ administered<br>• March 20, 2021<br>• June 10, 2021<br><br>Two mRNA both administered three months or longer after second dose of AZ<br>• Sept. 20, 2021<br>• October 20, 2021 | • AZ doses are primary series<br>• One of the mRNAs is considered first booster<br>• They can receive second booster four months or longer after first booster (last dose) if they meet eligibility criteria |
| One AZ administered<br>• March 20,2021<br><br>Two mRNA less than 3 months apart<br>• June 10, 2021<br>• Sept. 3, 2021 | • AZ and one mRNA are considered the primary series<br>• Second mRNA does not qualify as first booster because it was administered less than three months after second dose in primary series<br>• They can receive first booster now if they meet eligibility criteria.<br>• They can receive a second booster 4 months or longer after their first booster if they meet eligibility criteria |
| One AZ administered<br>• March 20, 2021<br><br>Two mRNA with 3 months or longer interval<br>• June 10, 2021<br>• Sept. 12, 2021 | • AZ and one mRNA considered primary series<br>• Second mRNA is considered first booster<br>• They can receive second booster four months or longer after first booster if they meet eligibility criteria |
| Mixed mRNA series administered less than 3 months apart<br>• March 20, 2021<br>• June 10, 2021<br>• Sept. 1, 2021<br><br>mRNA administered with three months or longer interval from last dose<br>• April 12, 2022 | • First two mRNA considered primary series<br>• Third mRNA does not qualify as a first booster because it was administered less than three months after second dose<br>• Fourth mRNA considered first booster<br>• They can receive a second booster four months after fourth mRNA (on or after August 12, 2022) if they meet eligibility criteria |
| Mixed mRNA series administered with 3 months or longer interval<br>• March 20, 2021<br>• June 10, 2021<br>• Sept. 12, 2021<br><br>mRNA administered with 3 months or longer interval from last dose<br>• Dec. 21, 2021 | • First two mRNA considered primary series<br>• Third mRNA considered first booster because of three month interval.<br>• Fourth mRNA considered an extra dose<br>• They can receive a second booster four months after fourth mRNA if they meet eligibility criteria |

Sincerely,



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