

	MIDWIFERY MANAGEMENT OF IMMUNIZATION POLICY
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Background

Registered Midwives may administer vaccines to their clients in the context of midwifery care. For example, a client preparing for pregnancy may have an MMR titre that requires a booster dose of vaccine and the Registered Midwife (RM) may choose to recommend a delay in pregnancy and immunize the client prior to pregnancy or immunize the client after delivery. RMs may provide care to clients who are Hepatitis B carriers, and therefore the RM would be required to immunize the newborn at birth with Hepatitis B vaccine. The RM may update a client's immunizations if they have not been immunized according to the provincial schedule of vaccines.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide clarity about the roles and responsibilities of the RM as a provider of vaccines in PEI.

1.0 Policy

- 1.1 The RM refers to the PEI Adult Immunization Schedule for information about immunization for healthy adults at [Adult Immunizations | Government of Prince Edward Island](#).
- 1.2 The RM can access information on the PEI government website specific to pregnant clients at [Adult Immunizations | Government of Prince Edward Island](#) or Health Canada at [Vaccination and pregnancy: After pregnancy - Canada.ca](#).
- 1.3 The RM would access information about the childhood immunization program to assist the client, but not for the purpose of providing immunization at [Childhood Immunizations | Government of Prince Edward Island](#).
- 1.4 For information about infant immunization for Hepatitis B for infants considered at risk due to Hepatitis B carrier status of client (HepBsAg +), the RM would refer to [Hepatitis B Vaccine: Canadian Immunization Guide - Canada.ca](#).

- 1.5 The RM must be cognizant of the requirement to protect the vaccine from exposure by following cold chain requirements for the storage and handling of vaccine. The RM must refer to the [Storage and Handling of immunizing agents: Canadian Immunization Guide](#).
- 1.6 The RM is responsible to report to the CPHO any vaccine doses given in the community through the hard copy forms, see attached – **Form 1: Immunization Report Form Printable** or **Form 2: Immunization Report Form Fillable**.
- 1.7 The RM is responsible to report to the CPHO any vaccine doses given in the hospital by documenting on the client record in the electronic documentation system of the facility.