June 4, 2021

TO: Medical Health Officers
    Public Health Nurse Managers
    Immunization Coordinators
    EOC
    Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association
    Saskatchewan Association of Licensed Practical Nurses
    College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan
    Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals
    Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan
    Saskatchewan College of Respiratory Therapists
    Saskatchewan College of Paramedics
    Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch

Re: RESCINDED - Pooling Residual COVID-19 Vaccines to Obtain a Full Dose

Dear Colleagues:

On March 10, 2021, the Saskatchewan COVID-19 Immunization Oversight Committee approved the temporary practice of pooling residual COVID-19 vaccine from up to three vials to obtain a full dose. The practice was approved as a strategy to protect as many individuals as possible from COVID-19 while initial vaccine supplies were limited.

As stated in the original letter dated March 16, 2021, an evaluation of this practice was completed. The future of Canadian COVID-19 vaccine supplies is confirmed with a minimum of 2 million doses arriving weekly in Canada. Therefore, the practice of pooling of residual COVID-19 vaccine to obtain a full dose is to be discontinued effective immediately.

Please share this letter with staff and colleagues. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Saqib Shahab
Chief Medical Health Officer