



## NWT Clinical Practice Information Notice

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clinical Standard	<input type="checkbox"/>	Protocol	<input type="checkbox"/>	Procedure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clinical Practice Guideline
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**Title: NWT Immunization Program Standards**

**Effective Date: January 18, 2024**

**Statement of approved Clinical Practice: #181**

Effective January 18, 2024, the NWT Chief Public Health Officer directs the adoption of the approved NWT Immunization Program Standards as amended from time to time. All amendments to the NWT Immunizations Program Standards will be communicated through a formal Office of the Chief Public Health Officer (OCPHO) Public Health Alert which can be found here: [https://ournthssa.ca/post\\_category/cpho-practitioner-alerts/](https://ournthssa.ca/post_category/cpho-practitioner-alerts/).

The most up to date version of the NWT Immunization Program Standards will be digitally posted here: <https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/professionals/sites/professionals/files/resources/nwt-immunization-program-standards.pdf>.

The three (3) overarching goals of the NWT Immunization Program include:

1. Prevent, control, eliminate or eradicate vaccine-preventable diseases by providing immunization programs that meet the national immunization strategy.
2. Monitor, respond and analyze data according to changes in disease trends, resistance patterns, and new emerging threats and technologies.
3. All vaccines administered in the NWT must be safe, available, accessible, and administered in a culturally safe and competent way.

The [NWT Immunization Program Standards](#) are supported by legislation under the [Public Health Act](#) to ensure residents in the NWT receive the appropriate information and care regarding immunizations and vaccine-preventable diseases in the NWT. These program standards also serve as a tool to measure the immunization status and well being of the residents of the NWT.

Vaccines are a cornerstone of public health, and their use has significantly contributed to the prevention and control of infectious diseases in Canada and internationally. Immunization is important across the lifespan. There are a growing number of vaccines that are routinely recommended for children, adolescents, and adults as well as other vaccines that are specifically recommended for specific populations, such as travellers or people with underlying medical conditions.

An electronic copy of this notice is also available on the Department of Health and Social Services health professional website at: <http://www.professionals.hss.gov.nt.ca/document-categories/clinical-practice-information-notice>.

This clinical practice is approved by

January 18, 2024

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