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Dear Health Care Provider,

This letter is to inform you of upcoming changes to Ontario's publicly funded pneumococcal vaccine program:

- Routine immunization for individuals 65 years of age and older will transition to the pneumococcal 21-valent conjugate vaccine (Pneu-C-21, *Capvaxive*).

The new pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, Pneu-C-21, is expected to provide broader protection against invasive pneumococcal disease (IPD) compared to the Pneu-C-20 vaccine for individuals 65 years of age and older.

Please note that eligibility criteria for publicly funded pneumococcal vaccine programs are not otherwise changing, and re-vaccination is not part of the product transition to Pneu-C-21 vaccine (i.e., if a dose of publicly funded pneumococcal vaccine was previously received re-vaccination with publicly funded Pneu-C-21 vaccine is not part of eligibility).

The program transition is planned for August 17, 2026. Details on ordering Pneu-C-21 vaccine will be provided by your local public health unit.

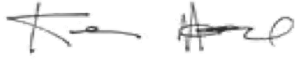
Please refer to the following attachments for more information:

- Health Care Provider Fact Sheet: Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccines for Children Aged 6 Weeks to 17 Years
- Health Care Provider Fact Sheet: Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccines for Adults Aged 18 Years and Older
- Vaccine Fact Sheet: Pneumococcal Vaccine Program for Individuals Aged 6 Weeks and Older

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact your local public health unit.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to Ontario's publicly funded immunization program, and for your efforts to protect Ontarians against vaccine preventable diseases.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Moore', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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