

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM FROM THE CHIEF NURSING OFFICE

TO: COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSES, PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES, SUPERVISORS OF COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAMS, REGIONAL AND TERRITORIAL COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CO-ORDINATORS, PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

FROM: CHIEF NURSING OFFICER

SUBJECT: LICENSED PRACTICE NURSES PROVIDING IMMUNIZATIONS AND PLANTING TSTs TO CHILDREN AGED 5 YEARS OR LESS

DATE: JUNE 16, 2021

CC: DIRECTORS OF HEALTH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

The purpose of this Memo is to let you know that Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) working in Nunavut now have the policy authority to provide immunizations, and plant TSTs, to children aged 5 years or less. This is the practice standard for LPNs in nearly all jurisdictions across Canada. Nursing Policy 07-005-00 *Nunavut Immunization Certification* has been revised to make this change.

Although LPNs currently undertake the immunization certification process before administering vaccines, this change means they will have to be observed administering immunizations to children aged 5 years or less as part of their certification.

PREVIOUS POLICY: The current Nursing Policy 07-005-00 *Nunavut Immunization Certification* states that LPNs:

May provide immunizations to **Nunavummiut >5 years of age** as per:

- Routine and catch-up immunization schedules
- Specific vaccine protocols
- Or as directed by the office of the CMOH (e.g. outbreak situation).

May plant TSTs on Nunavummiut > 5years of age and read TSTs on Nunavummiut of any age.

NEW POLICY: Given practice standards for LPNs in nearly all jurisdictions across Canada indicate LPNs can provide immunizations **to all ages**, the update Nursing Policy 07-005-00 states that LPNs:



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