

Varicella Vaccine Printing Error Update from the Medical Officer of Health

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To: **Health care providers who order Ontario Government Funded Vaccine**

RE: **Varicella vaccine printing error** in the recommended and minimum age and intervals between vaccine doses (Minimum Recommended Intervals), insert to the 'Schedules'

The Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) reported that a correction was required in the *Minimum Recommended Intervals*, insert in the *Publicly Funded Immunization Schedules for Ontario—August 2011 (Schedules)* for the varicella vaccine.

The current minimum interval to the next dose column for the varicella vaccine indicates 3 weeks but should indicate 3 months.

INCORRECT VERSION				
Vaccine and Dose No.	Recommended age for this dose	Minimum age for this dose	Recommended interval to next dose	Minimum interval to next dose
Var – 1 st dose	15 months	12 months	3 months	3 weeks

CORRECTED VERSION				
Vaccine and Dose No.	Recommended age for this dose	Minimum age for this dose	Recommended interval to next dose	Minimum interval to next dose
Var – 1 st dose	15 months	12 months	3 months	3 months

The recommended 3 month minimum interval between two varicella vaccine doses (for children between 12 months to 12 years of age) is stated in all other English and French documents, including the *Schedules*.

The corrected *Minimum Recommended Intervals August 2011 version 2* is available on the MOHLTC website at www.ontario.ca/vaccines.

The corrected version of the *Minimum Recommended Intervals August 2011 version 2* is currently being printed. When it is available, you may order a copy from www.serviceontario.ca/publications. Please dispose of any copies you have on hand and use the web-based version until the corrected version is available.

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