



Public Health Bulletin

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Expansion of International Travel and Vaccine Sales Clinics in Heartland Health Region

In an effort to continue to provide optimal immunization services to the residents of Heartland Health Region, Public Health Services has expanded the availability of International Travel Clinics and has changed the process for general vaccine sales clinics within the region. The Objective of expanding these clinics is to optimize a healthy outcome for international travelers and general public vaccine sales.

International travelers and clients wanting to purchase vaccines that are not part of the publicly funded program in Saskatchewan will welcome the expansion of these services.

If you are in need of a vaccine that is not funded by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health, you can now access services at 8 different locations within the Health Region. Such vaccines may be required for work related situations, post secondary education entry requirements, non-funded or adult vaccine needs, and travel related recommendations.

Your appointment will cover requested immunization(s) and specific health education related to each vaccine you are purchasing, individualized assessment of travel-related health risks, and counselling regarding current recommendations for immunization and avoidance of travel-related health risks. This service is supported by Public Health Services, Heartland Health Region and staffed with a Public Health Nurse with international travel and vaccine sales designation.

Travel health nurses are specially trained Public Health Nurses who keep up to date on health risks and immunization recommendations in countries across the world. This nurse will:

- Assess your health risks
- Provide education and resources about preventative health measures specific to your destination
- Provide travel as well as domestic immunizations
- Provide information about accessing safe health care while abroad
- Provide specific information tailor made to fit your vacation plans

For general vaccine sales not related to travel, this nurse can also provide a range of other vaccines as requested. The Public Health Nurse at these clinics will provide you with the risks and benefits for these vaccines to help you make an informed decision. Please come in and ask about these services!

The Locations:

- * **Rosetown** Public Health Office (weekly), with extension services to **Biggar** Public Health Office once every 6 weeks
- * **Unity** Public Health Office, with extension services to **Kerrobert** Public Health Office once every 6 weeks
- * **Outlook** Public Health Office, with extension services to **Davidson** Public Health office once every 6 weeks
- * **Kindersley** Public Health Office (weekly), with extension services to **Eston** Health Center once every 6 weeks

For more information on clinic dates in your area or to book an appointment, please call **(306)882-6413 extension 3.**

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