



Northwestern  
Health Unit

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Dear local Health Care Provider,

The Northwestern Health Unit has been notified of a potential rabies vaccine and immunoglobulin shortage. Due to recent high demand, the provincial supply may run out before it can be replenished by the manufacturer.

The Ministry will be monitoring the inventory stock of both vaccine and immunoglobulin and will need to pre-approve any orders the Health Unit places to the Government Pharmacy.

Please ensure that thorough risk assessments are conducted for all reported exposures and reach out to your local public health unit for any support needed related to the shortage.

Attached you will find the [Rabies Guidance Document for Health Care Professionals](#) and a [memorandum from the Ministry regarding the shortage](#).

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

Ministry of Health memorandum  
PHO Rabies Exposure Guidance document