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### Medical Alert: Vaccine Shortage

There is a national shortage of the following vaccines:

Vaccine	Projected date shortage will end
Hepatitis A	31 Dec 2018
Hepatitis B	31 Dec 2018
Rabies	24 Oct 2018 for one product; 30 June 2019 for other product

**The shortage only impacts non-publicly funded supplies.** This means that vaccines for travelers cannot be ordered in by pharmacies. Travelers requiring these vaccines should be encouraged to contact a travel health clinic in Winnipeg or Thunder Bay. The shortage will also impact occupational health vaccines.

**Publicly funded programs currently have sufficient stock,** which includes post-exposure prophylaxis rabies vaccine, school-based hepatitis B vaccines, and high risk preventive hepatitis A and B programs. For more information on publicly funded immunizations, [click here](#).

The shortages are temporary. Shortages and projected dates for supply availability can be found [here](#). For information on a particular product, click "view report".

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