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Date: December 7, 2020

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ATTN: Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices
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**Re: Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2: Immunization,
Part 4 – Biological Products & Supporting Documents**

Part 4 – Biological Products

Influenza Vaccines

2020/21 Seasonal Influenza Vaccines

Influenza pages have been revised to include:

- Information for INFLUSPLIT® TETRA, which will be provided as one of the publicly-funded influenza vaccines in BC for the 2020/21 season. Health Canada has facilitated the temporary importation of this vaccine from Belgium to help meet demand for influenza vaccine. While INFLUSPLIT® TETRA is not approved through the usual process by Health Canada, it is being made available under Urgent Public Health Need release. Its product quality is acceptable for use in Canada and has been used in international markets since December 2012. The vaccine is German-labelled and will be provided to immunizers with English language documents.
- Revisions to the time interval recommendation between receipt of inactivated influenza vaccine and treatment with CTLA-4 inhibitor (e.g., ipilimumab) for the treatment of cancer.

Please remove the following pages:

- Intended Use of Influenza Vaccines: page 1 dated September 2020
- FLULAVAL® TETRA: pages 1 & 2 dated September 2020
- FLUZONE® QUADRIVALENT: pages 1 & 2 dated August 2020
- FLUVIRAL®: pages 1 & 2 dated August 2020
- AGRIFLU®: pages 1 & 2 dated August 2020
- FLUMIST QUADRIVALENT: pages 1-3 dated August 2020
- FLUAD®: pages 1 & 2 dated August 2020
- FLUZONE® HIGH-DOSE: pages 1 & 2 dated September 2020

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Please also remove the Title Page and Table of Contents for Part 4 – Biological Products dated October 2020, and replace with the enclosed updated Title Page and Table of Contents dated December 2020.

Supporting Documents

History of Immunization

- The influenza vaccine section has been updated to include INFLUSPLIT® TETRA as one of the vaccines for the 2020/21 influenza season.

Please remove page number: 13 dated September 2020

Please add page number: 13 dated December 2020

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Stephanie Meier, Senior Practice Leader, BCCDC (telephone: 604-707-2577 / email: stephanie.meier@bccdc.ca).

Sincerely,



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