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ATTN: Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices
Public Health Nursing Administrators and Assistant Administrators
Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals

**Re: Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual,
Chapter 2 - Immunization Program, Section VII – Biological Products**

Section VII – Biological Products

2015/16 Seasonal Influenza Vaccines: Trivalent and Quadrivalent Inactivated Influenza Vaccines (TIIV & QIIV), and Quadrivalent Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (LAIV-Q)

Influenza pages for the 2015/2016 season have been revised. Eligibility criteria for publicly-funded influenza vaccine remain the same as in the previous season. Major changes to the influenza pages include the following:

- Addition of FLUZONE® QUADRIVALENT
 - Note: Expiry date of this multi-dose vial product differs from other multi-dose vials.
- Revision of the included vaccine strains.
- Addition of a table outlining the intended use of the vaccines by age group of recipient in the 2015/16 season.
- “Intended use” statement added to the INDICATIONS section on each product page.
- For FLUMIST® QUADRIVALENT, content added to SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS indicating that this vaccine can be safely given to children and adolescents with cystic fibrosis unless they have contraindications (e.g., immunosuppressive therapy) for its use.

Due to the pending divestment of Novartis vaccines, Fluvad® and Agriflu® will be transferred from Novartis to CSL Limited. These transfers are in progress and have not yet completed the legal/regulatory transition; once the regulatory transition has been completed, the product pages in the manual will be updated to reflect the new Canadian product distributor.

Supporting document information:

The NACI Statement on Seasonal Influenza Vaccine for 2015/2016 is not currently available online. Therefore, a hyperlink has been included to the NACI statement main page, where the 2015/16 Statement on Seasonal Influenza Vaccine will be available in the near future.

**Please remove page numbers: 31-34 dated July 2014 & October 2014
Please add new page numbers: 31-34 dated August 2015**

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Please also remove the Table of Contents for Section VII – Biologicals Products dated June 2015 and replace with the enclosed updated Table of Contents dated August 2015.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Christine Halpert, Senior Practice Leader, BCCDC at telephone (604) 707-2555, fax (604) 707-2515 or by email at Christine.halpert@bccdc.ca.

Sincerely,



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