BC Influenza Disease 2020/21 season (Sept 27, 2020 - May 1, 2021)
- No sign of influenza virus circulation in 2020-21

Vaccine Effectiveness in 2020/2021
- Given the low influenza circulation, vaccine effectiveness estimates were not available for the 2020-2021 season

Influenza Vaccines for the 2021/22 Influenza Season
1. The strain components for the 2021/22 Northern Hemisphere influenza vaccines are:
   - A/Victoria/2570/2019 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus (NEW THIS YEAR)
   - A/Cambodia/e0826360/2020 (H3N2)-like virus (NEW THIS YEAR)
   - B/Washington/02/2019 (B/Victoria lineage)-like virus
   - B/Phuket/3073/2013 (B/Yamagata lineage)-like virus (In quadrivalent vaccines only)
2. All BC publicly-funded influenza vaccines for the 2021/22 season are quadrivalent (vaccines new this season are bolded):
   - FLUZONE® QUADRIVALENT - Quadrivalent Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (intended for those 6 months of age and older)
   - FLULAVAL® TETRA - Quadrivalent Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (intended for those 6 months of age and older)
   - FLUMIST® QUADRIVALENT – Quadrivalent Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (intended for those 2 – 17 years of age)
   - AFLURIA® TETRA - Quadrivalent Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (intended for those 5 years of age and older)
   - FLUZONE® HIGH DOSE QUADRIVALENT - Quadrivalent Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (intended for those 65 years of age and older who are residents of long term care, assisted living facilities and First Nations communities)
3. Thimerosal Free Vaccines: Products in pre-filled syringes and FLUMIST® QUADRIVALENT are thimerosal-free and should be used for individuals with a known hypersensitivity to thimerosal as per the age groups indicated above
4. Vaccine Components: Other than the change in vaccine antigens, there are no new vaccine components in the BC publicly funded influenza vaccines for the 2021/22 season
5. The 2021/22 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Eligibility has expanded to anyone who wishes to reduce their risk of influenza

Influenza Vaccine: Administration & Reactions
1. Vaccinators should wear masks for all encounters. Eye protection may also be used based on a point-of-care risk assessment, and per additional precautions, where indicated. Gloves should be worn when administering intranasal influenza vaccine.
2. The FLUZONE® HIGH-DOSE QUADRIVALENT vaccine
   - will be provided in BC to those individuals 65 years and older who are residents of long-term care, assisted living facilities and First Nations communities
   - Provided as a single dose pre-filled syringe given as 0.7 mL IM
3. There are no changes in the 2021/22 influenza season for the following:
   - Categories of eligible people for BC publicly-funded influenza vaccine
   - Precautions
   - Influenza vaccine schedules
   - Product specific contraindications
   - Procedures for reporting influenza vaccine reactions

New and Updated Resources
1. Fluzone® High-Dose Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine Q&A
2. HealthLink BC Files:
   - Why Seniors Should Get the Inactivated Influenza (Flu) Vaccine - 12a
   - Facts about influenza (the Flu) - 12b
   - Inactivated Influenza (Flu) vaccine - 12d
   - Live Attenuated Influenza (Flu) Vaccine -12e