SUMMARY – NEW FOR INFLUENZA SEASON 2020/21

BC Influenza Disease 2019/20 season (November 10, 2019 - May 2, 2020)
- There was roughly a 60:40 split of co-circulating influenza A and influenza B viruses
- No new category for those at risk for complications from influenza disease for the 2020/21 influenza season

Vaccine Effectiveness
- A good level of protection from the influenza vaccines was observed among working age adults (20-64 yrs) across all influenza types

Influenza Vaccines for the 2020/21 Influenza Season
1. The strain components for the 2020/21 Northern Hemisphere influenza vaccines:
   - A/Guangdong-Maonan/SWL1536/2019 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus (A/Hawaii/70/2019 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus) - NEW THIS SEASON
   - A/Hong Kong/2671/2019 (H3N2)-like virus – NEW THIS SEASON
   - B/Washington/02/2019-like (B/Victoria lineage) virus – NEW THIS SEASON
   - B/Phuket/3073/2013 - like virus (Yamagata lineage) - IN QUADRIVALENT VACCINES ONLY
2. BC publicly-funded influenza vaccines for 2020/21 season:
   - FLUMIST® - Quadrivalent Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (LAIV-Q) (NEW THIS YEAR)
   - FLUAD® - Trivalent Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (Inactivated Subunit, Adjuvanted) (TIIV) (NEW THIS YEAR)
   - FLUZONE® HIGH DOSE - Trivalent Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (Inactivated Split Virion) (TIIV) (NEW THIS YEAR)
   - FLUVIRAL® - Trivalent Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (Inactivated Split Virion) (TIIV)
   - AGRIFLU® - Trivalent Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (Inactivated Subunit) (TIIV)
   - FLUZONE® QUADRIVALENT - Quadrivalent Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (Inactivated Split Virion) (QIIV)
3. Thimerosal Free Vaccines: AGRIFLU®, FLUAD®, and FLUMIST® QUADRIVALENT
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 2020/21 season

Influenza Vaccine: Administration & Reactions
1. There are no changes in the 2020/21 influenza season for the following:
   - categories of eligible people for BC publicly-funded influenza vaccine;
   - precautions;
   - influenza vaccines schedules;
   - contraindications;
   - procedures for reporting influenza vaccines reactions.
2. Intranasal route is available for administering publicly funded 2020/21 live attenuated influenza vaccines
3. Vaccinators need not wear gloves, except when administering intranasal influenza vaccine (COVID-19 precautions)
4. As Flumist® Quadrivalent is new for the 2020/21 influenza season, the BCCDC Immunization Manual provides product specific information on reactions from Flumist® administration

New Resources
- Updated: Fluzone® High-Dose Influenza Vaccine Q&A – updated August 2020
- Influenza HealthLink BC Files
  - To be updated: 12a, 12b, 12c, 12d
  - New (soon to be available): 12e - Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine