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

**Re: Influenza Vaccine for the 2003-2004 Season**

Attached, please find information, administrative documents and policies for the upcoming influenza immunization campaign.

The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) "Statement on Influenza Vaccination for the 2003-2004 Season" has been published in the Canada Communicable Disease Report (CCDR) August 15, 2003 Volume 29 ACS-4.

The only vaccine to be supplied to British Columbia for the upcoming public campaign is a trivalent, inactivated, split-virus preparation manufactured by Shire Biologicals (Fluviral® S/F). It contains the following influenza virus strains:

A/New Caledonia/20/99  
A/Panama/2007/99  
B/Hong Kong/330/2001

**A. Eligibility, Administration, Dosage, Reinforcement Doses, Contraindications, Adverse Events**

Please refer to the Immunization Program Manual Section VII - Biological Products page 31 (dated September 2003) and page 32 (dated September 2003) for details. The information pertaining to ORS has been revised.

**Administrative Circular: 2003:12**

## **B. Vaccine Allocations**

Please refer to Appendix A. The allocation of vaccine to health units for the 2003-2004 season is based on health region requests.

## **C. Vaccine Availability**

Every effort will be made to deliver the allocated vaccine to each Health Authority. Please note the entire allotment will not be shipped as one shipment. Each Health Authority has been allocated a maximum for the initial shipment. Additional shipments will be sent out as soon as new stock becomes available. Please refer to the 2003-2004 Influenza Vaccine email outline sent by the BCCDC Pharmacy Department on September 3, 2003. The outline contains the maximum allowable for each initial shipment and the balance remaining for future shipments.

You are advised to keep the insulated shipping cartons in which your initial order was shipped in case redistribution of vaccine is required. Health Authorities that find they have a surplus of vaccine should promptly notify BCCDC biologicals desk by fax 604-775-2718. The biologicals desk will advise you regarding the management of the surplus vaccine.

## **D. Last Season 2002-2003 Vaccine**

All influenza vaccine remaining from the previous year's program should be returned to the BCCDC warehouse. This is accomplished by first completing a Field Return Report form to obtain the authorization from BCCDC biologicals desk for its return. Please do not destroy any vaccines locally. Please refer to the email outline sent to you by the BCCDC Pharmacy Department on September 3, 2003.

## **E. Vaccine Utilization**

Please take note of the Influenza Vaccine Request Form 2004/2005 (Appendix B). Information on this form is required to place an order for the 2004-2005 season. Please complete and return the form to the Biologicals Desk, Pharmacy Services, BC Centre for Disease Control Society by the end of February 2004.

Please remove and destroy Section VII pages 31 and 32, dated November 2002, from the Immunization Program Manual.

Insert the revised pages 31 and 32, dated September 2003.

## **F. Facility Influenza Immunization Policy and Questions and Answers**

These have been updated for 2003-2004 – revisions include references to ocular-respiratory syndrome (ORS) and severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Danuta Skowronski Physician Epidemiologist, Epidemiology Services, BC Centre for Disease Control Society at 604-660-5693 or [danuta.skowronski@bccdc.ca](mailto:danuta.skowronski@bccdc.ca)

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## INFLUENZA VACCINE ALLOCATIONS 2003-2004 BY HEALTH AUTHORITIES

SERVICE DELIVERY AREAS	2003-2004 REQUESTS (In Doses)*
<b>INTERIOR</b>	
East Kootenay	14,875
Kootenay/Boundary	16,000
Okanagan	73,500
Thompson/Cariboo/Shuswap	41,320
Total Flu Vax Request for Interior	<b>145,695</b>
<b>FRASER</b>	
Fraser East	50,000
Simon Fraser	79,467
South Fraser	100,000
Total Flu Vax Request for Fraser	<b>229,467</b>
<b>VANCOUVER COASTAL</b>	
Richmond	25,750
Vancouver	172,000
North Shore/Coast Garibaldi	39,300
Total Flu Vax Request for Vancouver Coastal	<b>237,050</b>
<b>VANCOUVER ISLAND</b>	
South Vancouver Island	82,891
Central Vancouver Island	50,500
North Vancouver Island	25,000
Total Flu Vax Request for Vancouver Island	<b>158,391</b>
<b>NORTHERN</b>	
Northwest	15,460
Northern Interior	19,035
Northeast	6,140
Total Flu Vax Request for Northern	<b>40,635</b>
<b>FIRST NATIONS: Lower Similkameen Health Services</b>	50
Total Flu Vax Request for First Nations	<b>50</b>
<b>MISC.</b>	
BCCDCS	300
GEHS	2,800
PDC	20,000
Bella Coola	520
Corrections	2,500
Total Flu Vax Request for Misc.	<b>26,120</b>
<b>TOTAL FLU VAX REQUEST 2003-04</b>	<b>837,408</b>

## INFLUENZA VACCINE REQUEST FORM - 2004/2005

HEALTH UNIT \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON (PLEASE PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**SPLIT**

2003 - 2004 REQUEST (DOSES) \_\_\_\_\_

2003 – 2004 SUPPLIED (DOSES) \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUEST FOR 2004-2005 (DOSES)** \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICIANS \_\_\_\_\_

LTC FACILITIES \_\_\_\_\_

ACUTE CARE INSTITUTIONS \_\_\_\_\_

HEALTH UNITS \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST RESPONDER ORGANIZATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF FEBRUARY 2004, AND SUBMITTED TO  
BIOLOGICALS DESK, PHARMACY SERVICES, BCCDC, 655 WEST 12TH AVENUE  
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