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ATTN: Holders of Communicable Disease Manuals

**Re: Influenza Vaccine for the 2004-2005 Season
Administrative Circular: 2004:12**

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 2004-2005 Season" has been published in the Canada Communicable Disease Report (CCDR) June 15, 2004 Volume 30 ACS-3 and is available at that website.

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

A/New Caledonia/20/99 (H1N1)
A/Wyoming/3/2003 (H3N3)*
B/Jiangsu/10/2003**

*Antigenically equivalent to A/Fujian/411/2002;

**Antigenically equivalent to B/Shanghai/361/2002

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

Please remove and destroy Section VII pages 31 and 32, dated September 2003, from the Immunization Program Manual. Insert the revised pages 31 and 32, dated September 2004.

Note that the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) has recommended influenza vaccine for children aged 6-23 months and the household contacts and caregivers of children aged 0-23 months. The BC Communicable Disease Policy Committee has endorsed this recommendation and influenza vaccine will be provided free by the BC Ministry of Health to this expanded group beginning with the 2004-2005 influenza season.

B. Vaccine Allocations

Please refer to Appendix A. The allocation of vaccine to health units for the 2004-2005 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.

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 Biological's desk by fax 604-775-2718. The biologicals desk will advise you regarding the management of the surplus vaccine.

D. Last Season 2003-2004 Vaccine

Do not use the formulation from 2003-2004 for the 2004-2005 influenza vaccination campaign (due to expiry date and change in vaccine components). Do not destroy any vaccines locally. All influenza vaccine remaining from the previous year's program should be returned to the BCCDC warehouse. For instruction, please contact the BCCDC Biological's desk.

E. Vaccine Utilization

Please take note of the Influenza Vaccine Request Form 2005/2006 (Appendix B). Information on this form is required to place an order for the 2005-2006 season. Please complete and return the form to the Biologicals Desk, Pharmacy Services, BC Centre for Disease Control Society by the end of February 2005.

F. Facility Influenza Immunization Policy and Questions and Answers

These have been updated for 2004-2005 to include reference to oseltamivir or Tamiflu™ now also licensed for the prophylaxis/prevention of influenza in Canada.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Epidemiology Services, BC Centre for Disease Control at 604-660-6061 or epidserv@bccdc.ca.

Sincerely,

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INFLUENZA VACCINE ALLOCATIONS 2004-2005 BY HEALTH AUTHORITIES

SERVICE DELIVERY AREAS	2004-2005 REQUESTS (In Doses)*
INTERIOR	
East Kootenay	23,690
Kootenay/Boundary	11,130
Okanagan	80,000
Thompson/Cariboo/Shuswap	47,180
Total Flu Vax Request for Interior	162,000
FRASER	
Fraser East	62,500
Simon Fraser	80,875
South Fraser	118,500
Total Flu Vax Request for Fraser	261,875
VANCOUVER COASTAL	
Richmond	31,500
Vancouver	180,000
North Shore/Coast Garibaldi	49,100
Total Flu Vax Request for Vancouver Coastal	260,600
VANCOUVER ISLAND	
South Vancouver Island	94,540
Central Vancouver Island	56,500
North Vancouver Island	27,395
Total Flu Vax Request for Vancouver Island	178,435
NORTHERN	
Northwest	18,000
Northern Interior	22,000
Northeast	6,710
Total Flu Vax Request for Northern	46,710
FIRST NATIONS: Lower Similkameen Health Services	50
Total Flu Vax Request for First Nations	50
MISC.	
BCCDCS	300
GEHS	3,030
PDC	20,000
Bella Coola	585
Corrections	2,500
Total Flu Vax Request for Misc.	26,415
TOTAL FLU VAX REQUEST 2004-05	928,085

INFLUENZA VACCINE REQUEST FORM - 2005/2006

HEALTH UNIT _____

CONTACT PERSON (PLEASE PRINT) _____

TELEPHONE _____

	SPLIT
2004 - 2005 REQUEST (DOSES)	_____
2004 - 2005 SUPPLIED (DOSES)	_____
<u>REQUEST FOR 2005-2006 (DOSES)</u>	_____
PHYSICIANS	_____
LTC FACILITIES	_____
ACUTE CARE INSTITUTIONS	_____
HEALTH UNITS	_____
FIRST RESPONDER ORGANIZATIONS	_____
OTHER	_____
TOTAL	_____

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF FEBRUARY 2005, AND SUBMITTED TO
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