October 26, 2004

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

Re: Immunization Program Revisions

Please note the following revisions to the influenza vaccine pages of the Communicable Disease Control Manual Chapter II – Immunization Program:

Page 31 Influenza Vaccine (Inactivated Split-Virion):

- Vaxigrip® is the influenza vaccine to be offered to children aged 6 to 23 months
- New proviso in bullet #3 under “People capable of transmitting influenza to those at elevated risk for complications of disease:” Household contacts of children aged 0 to 23 months are eligible for influenza vaccine when these children either cannot be vaccinated or may respond inadequately to vaccination.

Page 32a Influenza Vaccine (Inactivated Split-Virion) (Vaxigrip®):

- This is a new page outlining the use of Vaxigrip for children aged 6 to 23 months

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