



BC Centre for Disease Control
AN AGENCY OF THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

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

**Re: Revision to Communicable Disease Control Manual:
Chapter 2: Immunization Program, Section VII – Biological Products**

Please note the following revisions:

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- Added links to pH1N1 influenza vaccines, pages 30a and 30c.

**Pages 30 a & b, pH1N1 Influenza Vaccine (Inactivated Split-Virion)
(Adjuvanted) (Arepanrix™) {A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)v-like virus}:**

- Added “inactivated split-virion” to the title of the page.

**Page 30b, pH1N1 Influenza Vaccine (Inactivated Split-Virion) (Adjuvanted)
(Arepanrix™) {A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)v-like virus}:**

- Added the following to the list of vaccine components: traces of egg protein, formaldehyde, sodium deoxycholate and sucrose.
- Revised wording in the “Special Considerations” section:
 - Replaced “need” with “the recommendation.”
 - Revised the time interval for deferral of the example of MMR vaccine.
 - The wording is now as follows:
 - “May be given with other vaccines. Because of the **recommendation** to give Arepanrix™ in a separate limb, routine childhood immunization (e.g., MMR at 12 months) may be deferred by the appropriate interval (e.g., **4** weeks if varicella given and MMR deferred).”
- The recommendation to administer Arepanrix™ on its own in a separate limb is due to its reactogenicity. The recommendation is not based on any concerns about immunogenicity of concurrently administered vaccines.

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Page 30c, pH1N1 Influenza vaccine (H1N1) Monovalent Vaccine (Unadjuvanted):

- New page for the unadjuvanted pH1N1 vaccine.

Please remove and destroy the following pages from the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2: Immunization Program, Section VII – Biological Products:

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Pages 30a and b

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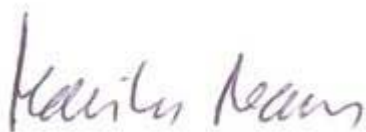
Please insert the following pages into the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2: Immunization Program, Section VII – Biological Products:

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