



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

Please note the following:

Page 30a, pH1N1 Influenza Vaccine (Arepanrix™):

- In the contraindications section, added “History of severe oculorespiratory syndrome (ORS) that resulted in hospitalization following receipt of influenza vaccine.” This recommendation comes from the Pandemic Vaccine Task Group Guidance Document on the Use of Pandemic Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Inactivated Monovalent Vaccine (Revised November 13, 2009).

Page 30b, pH1N1 Influenza Vaccine (Arepanrix™):

- Re-dated to have the same date as the other H1N1 pages

Page 30c, Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Pandemic Monovalent Vaccine (Without Adjuvant):

- Replaced the indication of “Healthy individuals 10 to 64 years of age” with the following indication: “Individuals \geq 3 years of age who **request** unadjuvanted vaccine.” This change was made as there is a need to conserve unadjuvanted vaccine for pregnant women.
- Added dosing information for the unadjuvanted product: “Children aged 3 – 9 years require **2** doses of **0.5 ml** IM (21 days apart); others are to receive one dose of 0.5 ml IM.” These recommendations are consistent with the recommendations in the Pandemic Vaccine Task Group Guidance Document on the Use of Pandemic Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Inactivated Monovalent Vaccine (Revised November 13, 2009).
- Added contraindication pertaining to ORS, as was done for page 30a.

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Page 30d, pH1N1 Influenza Vaccine (Unadjuvanted) Clinical Formulation:

- Indication (1) now states “Pregnant women at any stage of pregnancy.” As initial supplies of unadjuvanted vaccine were limited, the previous indication had been “Pregnant women in the first half of pregnancy.”
- Added the following indication: “Individuals \geq 3 years of age who **request** unadjuvanted vaccine,” and dosing information as specified above.
- Added contraindication pertaining to ORS, as was done for page 30a.

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

Pages 30a to 30c
Page 30d

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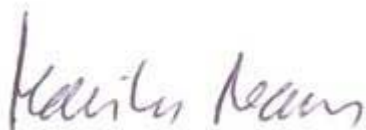
Please insert the following pages in the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2 – Immunization Program: Section VII – Biological Products

Pages 30a to 30d

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