Date: January 22, 2014

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

Re: Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2 – Immunization Program
Section VII- Biological Products: Influenza Vaccines: FLULAVAL™ and XANAFLU®

FLUVIRAL® / FLULAVAL™:

The FLUVIRAL® page has been updated to add the international trade name FLULAVAL™.

This product is being distributed in BC to meet late season demand for influenza vaccine.

The product components, dosage and indications remain identical to FLUVIRAL®.

Please remove page number 32a
Dated October 2013
Please add new page number 32a
Dated January 2014
**XANAFLU®:**

This page has been added to provide staff with information on XANAFLU®. XANAFLU® is the European trade name for INFLUVAC®. This product is being distributed in BC to meet late season demand for influenza vaccine.

XANAFLU® is approved in Europe for ages 6 months and older and available data support use in this age range. The product is provided in prefilled syringes with no attached needle. The syringe has a demarcation for a 0.25 mL dose, related to optional pediatric dosing in Europe. The dosing recommendation in BC is for a full 0.5 mL dose for all age groups.

This vaccine is packaged in German and will be provided to immunizers with a single page English language INFLUVAC® leaflet, with Health Canada approval information.

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Please also remove the Table of Contents for Section VII – Biologicals Products dated December 2013 and replace with the enclosed updated Table of Contents section dated January 2014.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Brittany Deeter, Public Health Resource Nurse at telephone (604) 707-2577, fax (604) 707-2515 or by email at brittany.deeter@bccdc.ca

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