Date: July 30, 2014

Administrative Circular: 2014:12

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 and Section III-Immunization of Special Populations
Chapter 1 – Measles, Mumps and Rubella Control Guidelines

Section VII- Biological Products

2014/2015 Seasonal Trivalent Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (TIIV) and Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (LAIV)

Influenza pages for the 2014/2015 season are attached here. Indications for use of influenza vaccine remain the same as in the previous season. Major changes to the section include the following:

- Revision of the included vaccine strains.
- Removal of pages for non-publicly funded vaccines.
- Further information on the safe immunization of egg-allergic individuals and those with ORS in prior seasons added.
- Revisions to vaccine component listings in line with the 2014/2015 product monographs.
- Age-related licensing information moved from contraindications to indications sections.

Page 34 is marked: This page intentionally left blank. This will allow for the potential addition of a product to the manual as required throughout the flu season.

Supporting document information:
The NACI statement on Influenza 2014/2015 is not currently posted on their website. To address this issue, a hyperlink has been included to the NACI statement main page, since a direct hyperlink to the document is not yet available. Staff will be able to view the Influenza statement through this link in the future.

The Flumist FAQ is currently being reviewed and revised for the 2014/2015 season.

An additional information sheet reviewing quadrivalent influenza vaccines will be produced prior to the influenza season to assist staff in answering questions from the public; these vaccines will not be used in the public program for the 2014/2015 season, but will be available in limited quantities on the private market.

Both of these documents are expected to be completed by the end of August 2014.

Please remove page numbers 31-34e, dates ranging from August 2013 to January 2014.
Please replace with page numbers 31-34 dated July 2014.
Please also remove the Table of Contents for Section VII – Biologicals Products dated June 2014 and replace with the enclosed updated Table of Contents dated July 2014.

Section III – Immunization of Special Populations

The hyperlinks on page 50 were updated and the Table of Contents was also corrected.

Please remove page number 50 dated January 2009.
Please replace with page number 50 dated July 2014.

Please also remove the Table of Contents for Section III – Immunization of Special Populations dated June 2014 and replace with the enclosed updated Table of Contents dated July 2014.

Chapter 1, Measles, Mumps and Rubella Control Guidelines

The following error in one figure has been corrected in the Measles guideline:
Page 7 time course for collection of blood for serology in first figure titled Serum Collection for Measles: the two boxes have been exchanged as these had transposed in the June version, and now indicate in the first box a first serum collection, and a second serum collection 20 days later in the second box.

The following clarifications shown in the underlined text below have been added to the footnotes below the measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine dosing table by year of birth in all three guidelines, on page 22 of measles, 18 of mumps, and 19 of rubella:

1. One dose of MMR for rubella protection is recommended for all health care workers regardless of age, and for adults born after 1956 who do not have documentation of receiving 1 dose of rubella containing vaccine on / after their first birthday or laboratory evidence of immunity or laboratory confirmed rubella.

2. At least one dose of mumps vaccine is recommended for most susceptible adults born in 1970 and later. The following should receive two doses: children as per routine schedule, non-immune health care workers, students of post-secondary educational settings and travellers to outside of North America (1 dose for those born prior to 1970; 2 doses for those born 1970+).

Please remove pages numbered as follows, dated June 2014: 7 and 22 of measles, 18 of mumps, 19 of rubella.
Please replace with page s numbered as follows, dated July 2014: 7 and 22 of measles, 18 of mumps, 19 of rubella.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Christine Halpert, Senior Practice Leader at telephone (604) 707-2555, fax (604) 707-2515 or by email at Christine.halpert@bccdc.ca.

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