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, Part 4 – Biological Products

Part 4-Biological Products
Influenza Vaccines

• Intended Use of Influenza Vaccines
  o FLUZONE® QUADRIVALENT has been added to the list of influenza vaccines that are publicly-funded for the 2017/18 season. This vaccine has also been added to the table indicating its intended use for eligible children 6 months to 17 years of age (inclusive), and for those 18 years of age and older in the event of a surplus of FLUZONE® QUADRIVALENT in the provider's inventory beyond that required for those under 18 years old.
  o The FLUZONE® High-Dose Question and Answer document for health care providers has been updated to reflect Manitoba's decision to offer FLUZONE® High-Dose to residents of long term care facilities 65 years of age and older.

Please remove page number: 1 dated August 2017
Please add new page number: 1 dated September 2017

• Quadrivalent Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (FLUZONE® QUADRIVALENT)
  o The product page for FLUZONE® QUADRIVALENT has been added as this product will be in use as a publicly-funded influenza vaccine for the 2017/18 season.

Please add new page numbers: 1 & 2 dated September 2017

Please also remove the Table of Contents for Part 4-Biological Products dated August 2017 and replace with the enclosed updated Table of Contents dated September 2017.
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Christine Halpert, Senior Practice Leader, BCCDC (telephone: 604-707-2555 / email: christine.halpert@bccdc.ca) or Stephanie Meier, Public Health Resource Nurse, BCCDC (telephone: 604-707-2577 / email: stephanie.meier@bccdc.ca).

Sincerely,

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