Date: September 14, 2020

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, Introduction, Part 4 – Biological Products, Supporting Documents

Introduction
Subsection 5.3 Immunization Services for Elementary and Secondary Students from Outside of Canada has been updated to include information related to international students and the Vaccine Status Reporting Regulation, and the level of programmatic follow-up based on their length of stay.

Please remove page numbers: 7 dated August 2019
Please add page numbers: 7 dated September 2020

Part 4 – Biological Products
Influenza Vaccines

2020/21 Seasonal Influenza Vaccines
- The “Intended Use of Influenza Vaccines” table has been revised with the following:
  - FLULAVAL® TETRA has been added to the publicly-funded product mix.
  - FLUZONE® HIGH-DOSE content now includes those living in assisted care facilities.
  - Footnote A has been revised to indicate that products in pre-filled syringes are thimerosal-free.
- FLULAVAL® TETRA biological product page has been added.
- FLUZONE® HIGH-DOSE biological product page indications have been revised to include those living in assisted living facilities.
Please remove the following pages:

- Intended Use of Influenza Vaccines: page 1 dated August 2020
- FLUZONE® HIGH-DOSE: pages 1-2 dated August 2020

Please add the following pages:

- Intended Use of Influenza Vaccines: page 1 dated September 2020
- FLULAVAL® TETRA: pages 1-2 dated September 2020
- FLUZONE® HIGH-DOSE: pages 1-2 dated September 2020

The influenza courses (Foundations of Influenza: Disease & Vaccines and Seasonal Influenza Update), the document Summary-New for Influenza Season 2020/21, and the Q&A for FLUZONE® HIGH-DOSE have been updated with the revisions above.

Please also remove the Title Page and Table of Contents for Part 4 – Biological Products dated August 2020, and replace with the enclosed updated Title Page and Table of Contents dated September 2020.

Supporting Documents

History of Immunization in BC

- The influenza vaccine section has been updated to include FLULAVAL® TETRA as one of the vaccines for the 2020/21 influenza season. The FLUZONE® HIGH-DOSE content has been revised to indicate that the vaccine is provided to those 65 years of age and older living in long term care and assisted living facilities.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Stephanie Meier, Senior Practice Leader, BCCDC (telephone: 604-707-2577 / email: stephanie.meier@bccdc.ca).

Sincerely,

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