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Dear Colleagues:

Re: Updates to the 2011/12 Seasonal Influenza Immunization Program.

AEFI form and User guide.

- The new AEFI form and user guide are available online at: <u>http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/docs/aefi_form.pdf</u>
- The new form allows you to see word definitions as you move your cursor over the form fields, to complete it online, save and print the form before faxing to the Regional Medical Officer of Health.
- Effective 14 November 2011, we will no longer accept AEFIs reported with the old form. After this date, all AEFIs reported using the old form will be returned to the reporter (initiator of the report) so that the appropriate form can be used.

Influenza protocol

• The Influenza protocol has been revised and is available at: <u>http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/influenza1.pdf</u>.

International students and Influenza Immunization Eligibility

 Manitoba Health has reviewed and updated our policy for international students – they are now eligible to receive the publicly-funded influenza vaccine regardless of third party insurance and/or Manitoba Health coverage.

Please share this communication with all colleagues in your facility or clinic.

All efforts to promote the seasonal flu program are appreciated.

Sincerely,

"Original signed by"

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