

Health, Healthy Living and Seniors

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Dear Health Care Provider:

Update: Processing Remaining Influenza Vaccine Orders

Manitoba Health, Healthy Living and Seniors (MHHLS) continues to process and ship large volumes of influenza (flu) vaccine orders based on the following schedule (as per August 20th 2015 communication):

- 1. Hospitals, personal care homes (PCHs) and First Nations communities (complete)
- 2. Providers/facilities with Client ID ending in 0 to 3 (complete)
- 3. Providers/facilities with Client ID ending in 4 to 6 (complete)
- 4. Providers/facilities with Client ID ending in 7 to 9 (expected completion week of Oct. 19th)

<u>FluMist[®] Quadrivalent (nasal spray)</u>: expected to arrive in Manitoba the week of October 19th 2015 and as such, there are a large number of backorders for FluMist[®] Quadrivalent that will need to be processed along with all remaining orders for Fluzone[®] Quadrivalent (multi-dose vials).

As a result, all regular non-flu vaccine orders will be delayed while flu vaccine orders and backorders are processed. Urgent orders for regular non-flu vaccine orders (e.g. outbreak management, case/contact management, etc.) will be processed as needed, on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the Provincial Vaccine Warehouse at 204-948-1333 (toll-free: 1-855-683-3306) to advise that an urgent order has been placed.

<u>Fluzone[®] Quadrivalent (pre-filled syringes)</u>: expected to arrive in Manitoba the week of October 26th 2015. Processing and shipping of all backorders for pre-filled syringes will begin at that time.

For the most current information on distribution and supplies during the flu season, please visit MHHLS *Flu Vaccine Distribution and Supply* website at: www.gov.mb.ca/health/flu/distribution.html.

MHHLS thanks all health care providers for their continued patience during this busy time of year.

Sincerely,

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