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**RE: 2017-18 Seasonal Influenza (Flu) and Pneumo Immunization Program**

- All Manitobans over 6 months of age will be eligible to receive the seasonal influenza (flu) vaccine free-of-charge. Two injectable flu vaccines are available for order this season: Fluzone® Quadrivalent (in multi-dose vials and pre-filled syringes) and Flulaval® Tetra (multi-dose vials). FluMist® Quadrivalent (nasal spray) will be available for healthy children two to 17 years of age and healthy adults up to 59 years of age who are needle averse.
- Individuals 65 years of age and older as well as individuals at most risk for invasive pneumococcal disease are eligible to receive one life-time dose of Pneu-P-23 vaccine free-of-charge. Some people living with certain medical conditions require a second dose; please refer to Manitoba's *Eligibility Criteria for Publicly-Funded Vaccines* for more information ([www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/vaccineeligibility.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/vaccineeligibility.html)).
- Providers/facilities can start placing their flu and/or pneumo vaccine order August 14<sup>th</sup> 2017, using *The Influenza and Pneumococcal Vaccine Order Form* ([www.gov.mb.ca/health/flu/distribution.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/flu/distribution.html)). Orders received prior to August 14<sup>th</sup> 2017 will not be accepted and will need to be resubmitted on, or after, August 14<sup>th</sup> 2017.
- All future, up-to-date information pertaining to flu vaccine distribution/supply (ex: shortages and delays) will be posted on *The Seasonal Flu Vaccine Distribution and Supply* website at: [www.gov.mb.ca/health/flu/distribution.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/flu/distribution.html). The website will indicate an approximate date of when providers/facilities should expect to receive their flu vaccine shipment.

All flu/pneumo vaccine orders will be shipped according to the following schedule:

1. Hospitals, personal care homes and First Nations communities;
2. Providers/facilities with client ID (holding point #) ending in 4, 5 or 6;
3. Providers/facilities with client ID (holding point #) ending in 7, 8 or 9;
4. Providers/facilities with client ID (holding point #) ending in 0, 1, 2 or 3;
5. Providers/facilities that order after 4:00pm on September 15<sup>th</sup> 2017.

All providers must review their previous flu/pneumo vaccine usage and wastage to order accordingly; repeat orders will be processed after all initial orders have been filled. This approach worked well the previous two years; shipping sequence by client ID/holding point # continues to rotate every year to ensure all providers have equitable access.

Please refer to **The Manitoba Immunization Program Manual** for more information:  
[www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/manual/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/manual/index.html)

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