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Dear Colleague:

**Re: Changes to the 2011-2012 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Program**

- **Children 6 to 35 months of age should be given a full dose (0.5 mL) of Trivalent Inactivated Vaccine (TIV) intramuscularly instead of the previously recommended half dose (0.25 mL).** Current evidence from the 2011/2012 NACI statement on seasonal influenza suggests moderate improvement in antibody response without increase in reactogenicity or adverse effects with use of full doses. This recommendation applies whether the child is being given one dose of TIV or a two-dose series.


- The updated Influenza Protocol to guide management of Influenza cases will soon be available on the website at: [http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/index.html).

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

Sincerely,

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