January 24, 2012

Dear Colleague:

Re: Change of Provincial Vaccine Warehouse and Immunization Provider Information Update

As of April 1, 2012, Manitoba Health’s Provincial Vaccine Warehouse will be re-located to a new distribution center.

Please find attached a copy of the Immunization Provider Information Update Form. To ensure that your information is inputted into the new system and to prevent delays in receiving orders after April 1, 2012 Manitoba Health requires the form to be completed and returned by fax to (204) 948-2040. Please ensure it is returned by March 1, 2012.

In addition, find attached a Checklist for Storage of Immunizing Agents and Biologics. Please review and complete this checklist to ensure that your office is following proper Cold Chain Management Procedures. For more information on Cold Chain Management refer to the Manitoba Health Cold Chain Protocol located at: http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/coldchain.html

No orders will be accepted during the period of March 16 – 31, 2012 unless for emergency products. The new Provincial Vaccine Warehouse will begin taking orders for vaccines and biologics as of April 1, 2012. Please ensure that your March order allows you to have sufficient supply on hand to last your office through to the beginning of April 2012.

Further communications will be sent to provide you additional information on the updated ordering procedures, forms and contact information.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience during this transition period. If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact the Inventory Administrative Officer at (204) 788-6721 or Kristy.Boyko@gov.mb.ca.

Sincerely,

“Original Signed By”

Kristy Boyko
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