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Dear Health Care Provider:

2014-15 Seasonal Influenza Immunization Program

Manitoba Health, Healthy Living and Seniors will continue to offer a Universal Seasonal Influenza Immunization Program for the 2014-15 season. All Manitobans over 6 months of age will be eligible to receive the seasonal influenza vaccine free of charge. Health care providers are encouraged to offer seasonal influenza vaccine to all Manitobans at every opportunity.

Manitoba will have three seasonal influenza vaccines available this year as part of the provincial universal program, including FluMist®, the live attenuated intranasal vaccine. FluMist® can be offered to healthy children and adolescents 2 to 17 years of age.

Please go online (www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/manual/docs/msiipp.pdf) to access this year's "Seasonal Influenza Immunization Program Plan 2014/15" for more information about important program dates, eligibility criteria, national and provincial recommendations, vaccine products, documentation and communication details.

Further information regarding ordering influenza vaccine and accompanying resources will be shared in the fall.

REMINDER: PLEASE RETURN EXPIRED VACCINES TO THE PROVINCIAL VACCINE WAREHOUSE IN A TIMELY MANNER

- All vaccines, including influenza vaccine, must be returned once expired or as soon as possible for proper disposal and potential cost recovery.
- Along with your returned vaccines, please submit the completed *Return Form* found in the *Immunizing Agents and Biologics Return Policy & Procedure*, available at: www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/docs/iabrpp.pdf.
- For questions regarding the return of product, please contact the Provincial Vaccine Warehouse at 204-948-1333 (toll free 1-855-683-3306) or by e-mail (vacmda@gov.mb.ca).

Sincerely,

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