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Dear Health Care Provider:

**RE: Updates to Manitoba's Publicly-Funded Immunization Program**

**Four to Six Year Booster Immunization Program:**

- Due to lower antigen concentrations of diphtheria and acellular pertussis compared to Pediacel, Tdap-IPV (Adacel-Polio® / Boostrix-Polio®) **should not be** used as a primary series vaccine for unimmunized children under 7 years of age.
- Children between 5 and 7 years of age who need their primary series and who are not high-risk for Hib, should be given DTaP-IPV (Infanrix-IPV®); if Hib is required, DTaP-IPV-Hib (Pediacel®) should be used. (**NOTE:** there is limited supply of Infanrix-IPV®; doses will be shipped on a patient-by-patient basis.)
- Unimmunized individuals 7 to 18 years of age can be given Tdap-IPV (Adacel-Polio® / Boostrix-Polio®).

**Pneumococcal Polysaccharide (Pneu-P-23) Immunization Program:**

- As per NACI, one lifetime booster dose is recommended 5 years after the initial dose for those at highest risk of invasive pneumococcal disease (IPD). This is a change in the interval for re-vaccination for children initially vaccinated at 10 years of age and younger, where re-vaccination was previously recommended 3 years after the initial dose.
- A single re-vaccination at 5 years after the initial vaccination harmonizes the pediatric and adult schedules ([www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/naci-ccni/acs-dcc/2015/pneu-p-23-eng.php](http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/naci-ccni/acs-dcc/2015/pneu-p-23-eng.php)).

**2015-16 Seasonal Influenza Immunization Program:**

- Astrazeneca has experienced production delays affecting delivery of FluMist® Quadrivalent to Canada. The first shipment is expected to arrive in Manitoba mid-October instead of September.
- Manitoba is procuring both multi-dose vials and pre-filled syringes of inactivated influenza vaccine (Fluzone® Quadrivalent); Sanofi has advised that the pre-filled syringes will be delivered October (exact date TBD).
- Please refer to MHHLS Seasonal Influenza website ([www.gov.mb.ca/health/flu/distribution.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/flu/distribution.html)) where all future supply-related information for the 2015-16 flu vaccines will be communicated.

MHHLS provides health information resources (e.g. factsheets, posters) free-of-charge to all health care providers; go to [www.gov.mb.ca/health/jmc/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/jmc/index.html) for more information.

Sincerely,

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