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RE: Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Supply Update

Health Care Provider:

In order to meet ongoing demand for **seasonal influenza vaccine**, Manitoba Health will be providing FluMist® (AstraZeneca), the live attenuated intranasal influenza vaccine (LAIV), to:

- Children and adolescents 2 to 17 years of age; and,
- Adults 18 to 59 years of age without chronic health conditions.

Health care providers should continue to use Manitoba Health's [Vaccines and Biologics Order Form](#) and indicate the total number of influenza vaccine doses requested. Manitoba Health will then verify all orders by phone to determine the flu vaccine product combination (FluMist®, Agriflu® and/or Fluviral®) based on availability. For the remainder of this influenza season, physicians should bill for FluMist® administration with the seasonal influenza tariff code 8791.

Children and adolescents 2 to 17 years of age without contraindications should be offered FluMist®. Adults 18 to 59 years of age without contraindications or chronic health conditions can be offered FluMist®.

FluMist® Resources

Screening Questions for Health Care Providers: www.gov.mb.ca/health/flu/docs/flumist_sq.pdf

Detailed Information for Health Care Providers: www.gov.mb.ca/health/flu/docs/flumist_hcp.pdf

Factsheet for Patients: www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/factsheets/flumist.pdf

Astra Zeneca Canada Inc. Product Monograph www.albertahealthservices.ca/Diseases/hi-dis-flu-flu-mist.pdf

NACI's Statement on Seasonal Influenza: www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/naci-ccni/index-eng.php

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

Sincerely,

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