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Dear Health Care Provider:

RE: 2015-16 Seasonal Flu and Pneumo Vaccine Ordering and Shipping Information

- Manitoba Health, Healthy Living and Seniors (MHLS) is offering a Universal Seasonal Influenza Immunization Program for the 2015-16 season. All Manitobans over 6 months of age will be eligible to receive the seasonal flu vaccine free-of-charge.
- Individuals 65 or older and those at most risk for invasive pneumococcal disease will be eligible to receive Pneu-P-23 vaccine free-of-charge.
- Providers/facilities can start placing their flu and/or pneumo vaccine order September 1st 2015, using *MHLS Influenza and Pneumococcal Vaccine Order Form* (attached; and available at: www.gov.mb.ca/health/flu/distribution.html). Orders received prior to Sept. 1st will not be accepted and will need to be resubmitted on, or after, Sept. 1st 2015.
- MHLS' *Seasonal Flu Vaccine Distribution and Supply* website (www.gov.mb.ca/health/flu/distribution.html) will be updated accordingly to indicate an approximate date of when providers/facilities may expect to receive their shipment.

All flu/pneumo vaccine orders will be shipped according to the following schedule:

1. Hospitals, personal care homes (PCHs) and First Nations communities
2. Providers/facilities with Client ID ending in 0 to 3
3. Providers/facilities with Client ID ending in 4 to 6
4. Providers/facilities with Client ID ending in 7 to 9

All providers must review their previous flu/pneumo vaccine usage and wastage to order accordingly; repeat orders will be processed after all initial orders have been filled. If this approach works well, shipping sequence by Client ID will change year to year to ensure that all providers will have equitable access—that is, 0-3 will be first this year, second next year, third the year after, etc.

Product Delays: as communicated on July 14th 2015, Astrazeneca and Sanofi have experienced production delays affecting delivery of FluMist® Quadrivalent and Fluzone® Quadrivalent pre-filled syringes (PFS). The first shipment of both products is expected to arrive mid-October and will be shipped according to the schedule above. Include FluMist® Quadrivalent and Fluzone® Quadrivalent PFS in your initial vaccine order; product will be shipped separately once it arrives.

Assuming no additional manufacturer delays, hospitals, PCHs and First Nations communities can expect their order to be shipped starting Sept. 21st 2015. Once those orders are filled, all other providers/facilities orders (as per schedule above) will be shipped.

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

Sincerely,

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