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RE: Routine Immunization Order Deadline

In follow-up to the August 6, 2019 reminder of the 2019/20 Seasonal Influenza and Pneumococcal Program, Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living (MHSAL) would like to provide the following notification:

School & Routine Immunization Order Cut-Off Date: Sep 6, 2019

In an effort to deliver influenza vaccine to immunization providers as early as possible, **MHSAL requests that orders for all other non-emergency routine immunizations needed in September and October be placed prior to September 6, 2019** so that orders may be shipped out prior to influenza vaccine arrival. This includes orders for school immunization programs.

PLEASE NOTE: Delivery of routine immunization orders (with the exception of emergency products such as Rabies vaccine and immune globulins) will be put on hold temporarily once influenza vaccine has arrived in Manitoba and will resume shipping as determined by MHSAL.

All flu/Pneu-P-23 vaccine orders will be shipped according to the following schedule:

1. hospitals, long-term care facilities and First Nations communities
2. providers/facilities with client ID (holding point #) ending in 7, 8 or 9
3. providers/facilities with client ID (holding point #) ending in 0, 1, 2 or 3
4. providers/facilities with client ID (holding point #) ending in 4, 5 or 65. providers/facilities that order **after 4 p.m. on September 13th, 2019.**

In the event that increased demand is seen, MHSAL may require health care providers to complete an inventory count each week of available influenza vaccine doses. This will allow MHSAL to identify to the public where influenza vaccine is available.

Updates pertaining to flu vaccine distribution/supply including shortages, delays and approx. dates when all providers/facilities should expect to receive their flu vaccine shipment, will be posted online at www.manitoba.ca/health/flu/distribution.html.

Sincerely,

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