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Dear Health Care Provider:

Manitoba's 2016-17 Seasonal Influenza and Pneumo Immunization Program

This letter is being sent as a reminder to all Health Care Providers that you can begin ordering the seasonal influenza and pneumo vaccine on Monday, August 15, 2016. Please refer to the letter sent out on July 13, 2016 (<http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/docs/hcp/2016/071316.pdf>) that provided information on the shipping schedule and how to order vaccine.

For the 2016-17 seasonal influenza season, Manitoba will offer the Quadrivalent Inactivated Influenza Vaccines (QIIV) Fluzone® Quadrivalent and Flulaval® Tetra and the Quadrivalent Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (QLAIV) FluMist® Quadrivalent nasal spray.

Either of the following vaccines can be used in children aged 2 – 17 (without contraindications to the vaccine): quadrivalent live attenuated influenza vaccine (QLAIV) or quadrivalent inactivated influenza vaccine (QIIV).

Up-to-date information pertaining to flu vaccine distribution and supply (ex: shortages and delays), will be posted and updated at <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/flu/distribution.html> once shipping dates are known.

For more information about the 2016-17 Seasonal Influenza Program please go to <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/flu/index.html>.

Sincerely,

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