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**ATTN:** Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices  
Public Health Nursing Administrators and Assistant Administrators  
Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals

**Re: Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual,  
Chapter 2: Immunization, Introduction, Part 4 – Biological Products, Supporting  
Documents**

**Introduction**

Subsection 5.3 *Immunization Services for Elementary and Secondary Students from Outside of Canada* has been updated to include information related to international students and the [Vaccine Status Reporting Regulation](#), and the level of programmatic follow-up based on their length of stay.

**Please remove page numbers:** 7 dated August 2019

**Please add page numbers:** 7 dated September 2020

**Part 4 – Biological Products**

**Influenza Vaccines**

**2020/21 Seasonal Influenza Vaccines**

- The “Intended Use of Influenza Vaccines” table has been revised with the following:
  - FLULAVAL® TETRA has been added to the publicly-funded product mix.
  - FLUZONE® HIGH-DOSE content now includes those living in assisted care facilities.
  - Footnote A has been revised to indicate that products in pre-filled syringes are thimerosal-free.
- FLULAVAL® TETRA biological product page has been added.
- FLUZONE® HIGH-DOSE biological product page indications have been revised to include those living in assisted living facilities.

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**Please remove the following pages:**

- Intended Use of Influenza Vaccines: page 1 dated August 2020
- FLUZONE® HIGH-DOSE: pages 1-2 dated August 2020

**Please add the following pages:**

- Intended Use of Influenza Vaccines: page 1 dated September 2020
- FLULAVAL® TETRA: pages 1-2 dated September 2020
- FLUZONE® HIGH-DOSE: pages 1-2 dated September 2020

The influenza courses ([Foundations of Influenza: Disease & Vaccines](#) and [Seasonal Influenza Update](#)), the document [Summary-New for Influenza Season 2020/21](#), and the [Q&A for FLUZONE® HIGH-DOSE](#) have been updated with the revisions above.

**Please also remove the Title Page and Table of Contents for Part 4 – Biological Products dated August 2020, and replace with the enclosed updated Title Page and Table of Contents dated September 2020.**

**Supporting Documents**

**History of Immunization in BC**

- The influenza vaccine section has been updated to include FLULAVAL® TETRA as one of the vaccines for the 2020/21 influenza season. The FLUZONE® HIGH-DOSE content has been revised to indicate that the vaccine is provided to those 65 years of age and older living in long term care and assisted living facilities.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Stephanie Meier, Senior Practice Leader, BCCDC (telephone: 604-707-2577 / email: [stephanie.meier@bccdc.ca](mailto:stephanie.meier@bccdc.ca)).

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