



BC Centre for Disease Control

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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: Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Pandemic Monovalent Vaccine (Without Adjuvant) {A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)v-like virus}

Currently, the epidemiologic profile of pandemic H1N1 activity in Canada is of very low activity without sustained transmission and at most sporadic detections for some time. While pandemic H1N1 detection also remains sporadic in the southern hemisphere to date, their 2010 influenza season is still underway and typically spans April to September.

For the above reasons, it is recommended that BC's remaining stock of unadjuvanted influenza A (H1N1) pandemic monovalent vaccine be considered only for people who have not yet received pandemic vaccine and may be travelling to the southern hemisphere or those otherwise at recognized ongoing risk of exposure (i.e. laboratory workers who request it). This recommendation covers the time period from the present until the 2010/11 seasonal influenza vaccine program begins or the epidemiologic profile changes and revised recommendations are issued. It is consistent with recent guidelines issued also by the Public Health Agency of Canada.

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There are two differences from the recommendations for seasonal influenza vaccine worth drawing to your attention:

1. Recommendation for two dose administration among children who have not previously received pandemic vaccine extends to 9 years of age **inclusive**. This differs from seasonal vaccine for which two dose recommendation for otherwise unprimed children extends only up to 8 years of age inclusive.
2. The interval for second dose administration among those requiring it may be as short as three weeks whereas for seasonal influenza vaccine minimum interval specified is four weeks.

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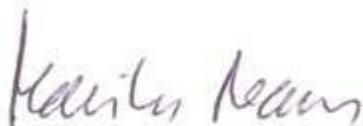
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