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AN AGENCY OF THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

November 5, 2009

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

**Re: Revision to Communicable Disease Control Manual:
Chapter 2: Immunization Program, Section VII – Biological Products**

Please note the following:

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- Revised to add page 30d

Page 30d, pH1N1 Influenza Vaccine (Unadjuvanted) (Clinical Formulation):

- This is a new page for the unadjuvanted pH1N1 influenza vaccine (**Clinical Formulation**) that is to be used on an interim basis until the GSK unadjuvanted product is received later in November.
- It is to be administered to pregnant women in the first half of pregnancy (i.e., < 20 weeks gestation).
- The product was manufactured by GSK in essentially the same manner as **FLUVIRAL®** seasonal influenza vaccine except that a single strain (H1N1), a lower thimerosal content (10 µg per dose), and a lower fill volume (5 doses per vial) were used in the clinical formulation.
- The vaccine was produced in Canada and shipped to Belgium where it was filled and labelled for use in clinical trials.
- The vaccine is being made available for use under an Interim Order from the federal Minister of Health.

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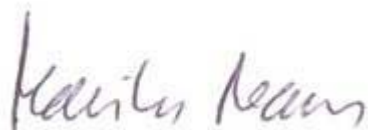
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