

October 22, 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 revisions:

Pages 30a & 30b, pH1N1 Influenza Vaccine (Adjuvanted) (Arepanrix®) {A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)v-like virus}:

• New pages for Arepanrix® vaccine, the adjuvanted pH1N1 vaccine.

Pages 31, Seasonal Trivalent Influenza Vaccine (Inactivated Split Virion)

- This page has been modified to reflect co-administration of pH1N1 and seasonal influenza vaccine in Phase 2 of the influenza immunization program.
- 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games volunteers have been added to the list of individuals eligible for seasonal influenza vaccine. These individuals are also eligible for pH1N1 vaccine as are all other British Columbians.

Please remove and destroy the following page from the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2: Immunization Program, Section VII – Biological Products:

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Please insert the following pages in the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2: Immunization Program, Section VII – Biological Products:

Pages 30a and 30b

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