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Dear Colleague:

**Re: Expiring Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Stock**

The 2010/11 seasonal influenza vaccine program is winding down. Health care settings who still have seasonal influenza vaccine remaining in their fridge(s) are advised to take the following steps:

- Keep any remaining seasonal influenza on hand and maintained in the fridge until the stated expiry date on the packaging.
- **Once expired**, use the attached *Immunizing Agents and Biologics Return Policy and Procedure* to complete the return form.
- Once completed, contact the provincial vaccine warehouse at (204) 633-2621 or 1-800-665-7315 to arrange for a pick-up.
- All Seasonal Influenza stock must be returned to the provincial vaccine warehouse within four (4) months after it expires.

The *Immunizing Agents and Biologics Return Policy and Procedure* can also be located on the Manitoba Health website at <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/info.html>.

If you have any questions please contact Inga Hossack at (204) 788-6722.

Sincerely,

*“Original signed by”*

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Attachment