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Vaccine Agreement:

The vaccine agreement for the 2011/2012 Influenza Immunization Program has been posted on the AHS website at <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/2824.asp>. AHS will require all community providers to sign the agreement in order to receive influenza vaccine. Instructions for completion and submission of the agreements can also be found on the AHS website.

Vaccine Ordering Process:

Vaccine ordering processes will vary for each zone. Information regarding how to place your orders will be communicated through your zone contact by the third week of September. Any community providers with concerns about storage space should speak with your zone influenza immunization contact.

- Q.** I have offices in several zones across the province. Can I order vaccine in one zone to give to my staff in offices in other zones?
- A.** No. Community providers must order vaccine from the zone in which they will be administering the vaccine and account back to your zone influenza immunization contact for all doses administered in that zone.

Influenza Program Orientation Requirements

Community Providers must complete at least **one** of the following:

- review the contents of the Seasonal Influenza Immunization Information Package
OR
- review the Seasonal Influenza Orientation PowerPoint and Workbook that will be posted on the AHS web-site,
OR
- attend a public health training session on the Seasonal Influenza Immunization Program where available. Call your zone influenza immunization contact to determine if sessions will be available in your area. One authorized provider can be sent on behalf of a community provider with the expectation that they will provide training to other immunizers at their site.

Vaccine Administration Records

- Revised immunization records have been developed and will be available to all community providers who wish to use them.
- Use of these triplicate immunization records is optional however, all providers must have methods in place for recording vaccine administration information as outlined in the Vaccine Agreement.
- AHS is required to report all doses administered to AHW therefore, all community providers are required to report to AHS as outlined in the Vaccine Agreement.
- Detailed information regarding reporting requirements will be posted to the AHS website by the end of September.

Resource Update

The following resources have been posted on the AHS Influenza Immunization webpage.

- Community Provider Vaccine Agreement
- Influenza Immunization Program Policy (IIP)
- Zone Influenza Contact Information
- Influenza Vaccine Product Monographs
- NACI Statement on Thimerosal
- Orientation PowerPoint and Workbook.
- Influenza Clinical Guidelines

Please check back to the site regularly as several resources will be added to the website throughout the month of September.

All community providers must have protocols in place for management of anaphylaxis

- Q.** If I receive vaccine prior to the October 17th launch of the public influenza immunization campaign can I immunize my staff who will be administering vaccine?
- A.** Yes. Immunization of the general public will start on October 17th but community providers may immunize their staff who will be administering vaccine if they receive vaccine prior to that date.