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Dear Health Care Provider:

Vaccine and Biologics Order Form and Vaccine Returns

- **Updated Vaccines & Biologics Order Form** – effective April 1st, 2014, is included in this communication and can be located online at:
<http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/vaccinebiologics.pdf>
- **Vaccine Supply Issues** – due to continued supply issues of vaccines, product substitutions will occur into 2014 and 2015 in an effort to ensure the continuation of integral immunization programs in Manitoba.
- **Spring Cleaning** - use this time to locate all expired vaccine in your refrigerator and arrange with the provincial vaccine warehouse to have them returned.
- **Please return all expired influenza vaccine within 2 months of expiry**

Reminder: Vaccine Program Updates

- **Two-dose Varicella:** A second dose of varicella has been added to the childhood routine immunization schedule to be given at 4-6 years of age for all children born on or after January 1, 2008. The combined MMRV product should be used.
- **Rotavirus vaccine:** All infants born on or after March 1, 2014 can be immunized against Rotavirus as part of Manitoba's routine childhood immunization schedule at 2 and 4 months of age.
 - The Rotavirus tariff code for physician billing and public health is **8897**.
- **HPV Immunization Program:** All grade 6 girls, girls born on or after January 1st 1997 who missed 1 or more doses of the vaccine, and females born between 1986 and 2005 with increased risk of HPV infection who started the vaccine series before March 31, 2014 can receive the 3-dose series free of charge using vaccine from the provincial vaccine warehouse.

The return policy, vaccine fact sheets, and many other immunization resources can be located in Manitoba's Immunization Program Manual at:
<http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/manual/index.html>

If you have any further questions regarding these matters, please contact the Public Health at 204-788-6737.

Sincerely,

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