

**To: Physicians and Pharmacists**

**From: Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health**

**Date: January 29, 2019**

**Re: Publicly-funded Seasonal Influenza Vaccine 2018 - 2019**

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The Department of Health and Community Services has purchased additional influenza vaccine, **Fluviral**, for the publically funded program in response to the increased public demands.

Fluviral is not one of the vaccine products previously provided for the 2018-19 influenza season.

Fluviral, an inactivated vaccine, is available in multi-dose vials, 10 doses per vial. Administered by IM injection for all persons aged six months and older.

Fluviral Product monograph:  
<https://ca.gsk.com/media/1352353/fluoviral.pdf>

Fluviral contains 3 influenza virus strains including influenza A (H1N1)pdm09, the most predominate strain circulating to date.

Physicians and pharmacists may order publicly-funded vaccine through the regional public health offices as directed in this memo.

Vaccine Ordering Process:

- The distribution and supply of vaccine will be monitored very closely through the Regional Health Authority (RHA). The amount of vaccine sent may not always be the full amount you have ordered. This will be dependent upon national supply and demand and measures in place to reduce wastage. It is imperative that you not overstock vaccine which could lead to vaccine wastage.
- Please contact Communicable Disease Control staff in the following areas to arrange for an order of influenza vaccine:



<b>EASTERN HEALTH</b>	
Mount Pearl Square Vaccine Depot Telephone: 752-4886 Fax: 752-4873	Holyrood Vaccine Depot Telephone: 229-1572 Fax: 229-1589
<b>CENTRAL HEALTH</b>	
Telephone: 651-6234 Fax: 256-4977	
<b>WESTERN HEALTH</b>	
Telephone: 784-5417 Fax: 637-5160	
<b>LABRADOR GRENFELL HEALTH</b>	
Telephone: 454-0375 Fax: 454-4978	

- Influenza vaccine must be ordered using the Influenza Vaccine Order Form. Please note that if you have not submitted your tally form your influenza vaccine order will NOT be filled. Once the tallies have been received the order will be filled.
- Fax the order form to the Communicable Disease Control Office in your region (as per contact information above). Contact them to make arrangements for pick/up delivery of the influenza vaccine.