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Influenza Immunization Update

Please be advised that you may receive either **Fluviral™** or **Vaxigrip®** in your next shipments.

Vaxigrip® contains the following strains as per the NACI recommendations for the 2008-2009 season in the Northern Hemisphere¹:

- A/Brisbane/59/2007 (H1N1)-like virus
- A/Brisbane/10/2007 (H3N2)-like virus
- B/Florida/4/2006-like virus.

The NACI recommendations also state that any antigenically equivalent strain may be used.

Fluviral™ contains the A/Uruguay/716/2007 NYMC X-175C strain which according to the NACI statement is equivalent to the A/Brisbane/10/2007 (H3N2)-like virus.

Please refer to the **Fluviral™** monograph for further clarification.

Vaccine Pick Up and Transport

When picking up vaccine orders, please ensure the cooler meets the following requirements:

- **Pre-cooled to the mandatory vaccine cold chain range of +2.00C to +8.0°C**
- Contains a minimum-maximum thermometer
- Contains ice packs or blankets

NOTE: It can take approximately thirty minutes for the cooler to reach cold chain range. Do not place vaccine in the cooler until the minimum,

maximum and current temperatures are all within cold chain range.

Peel Public Health is in the process of replacing the traditional blue soft sided coolers with hard sided coolers. You may continue to use the soft-sided coolers until the replacements have been provided.

For more information regarding the influenza vaccine or vaccine orders, please contact the Vaccine Order Desk at (905) 791-7800 ext 6404.

Reminder: Please report all cold chain exposures immediately to Peel Public Health at (905)791-7800 ext 2840.

Vaccine Pick-up Temporary Schedule Changes at Millway Site

Due to renovations being completed at the 2227 South Millway Clinic, vaccine pick-up will be interrupted as per the following schedule:

No vaccine pick-up December 4th through to and including December 8th, 2008 and December 12th through to and including December 15th, 2008.

Regular hours for vaccine pickup at 2227 South Millway clinic will resume December 16, 2008.

¹ The NACI Statement on Influenza vaccination for 2008/2009 can be found at <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/publicat/ccdr-rmtc/08vol34/acs-3/index-eng.php>