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Dear Colleague:

**Re: 2011-2012 'Get the Shot not the Flu' Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Program**

For this year, all Manitobans are eligible for the seasonal flu vaccine at no charge. Immunization is especially important for those at increased risk of serious illness from the flu, their caregivers and close contacts. This includes:

- Seniors aged 65 and older
- Residents of personal care homes and long-term care facilities
- Children six to 23 months of age
- Those with chronic illness including:
  - kidney, heart or lung conditions
  - an immune system weakened by disease or medical treatment
  - conditions causing respiratory difficulties
  - children on long-term aspirin therapy
  - other chronic medical conditions (e.g. diabetes, mental disabilities)
- Pregnant women
- Health care workers and first responders

**Further information regarding vaccine ordering and resources will be shared in the fall.**

Please share this communication with all relevant colleagues in your facility or clinic.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

*"Original signed by"*

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