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Dear Doctor / Immunisation Provider

### **Update on Influenza Vaccination Program 2010**

#### **Availability of seasonal influenza vaccine**

As previously advised there has been a delay with the availability of the seasonal influenza vaccine due to vaccine manufacture and the resulting supply issues. It is expected that vaccine will be available from mid-March. Queensland Health plans to start distributing vaccine on 8 March. It will take approximately 10 working days to deliver to all providers across the state. All providers should have received their first delivery by 19 March. If you have not received vaccine by 23 March, contact Queensland Health Immunisation Program (QHIP) on 3328 9888. **Please do not contact QHIP to check on your delivery until 23 March.**

#### **Paediatric influenza vaccine**

A small supply of paediatric vaccine will be available for children aged 6 months up to 3 years who meet the criteria for *Medical At Risk* (refer enclosed schedule). **This vaccine will not be available until after the end of March.** Immunisation providers will be advised when they can order paediatric vaccine. If you need to vaccinate a *Medical At Risk* child prior to paediatric vaccine being available please use half an adult dose ie 0.25 mL (7.5µg).

#### **Annual Seasonal Funded Influenza Program 2010 Schedule**

Please find enclosed an updated Influenza Schedule (24 February 2010). This schedule has been amended to include recommendations from the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI). Please discard all previous schedules for this program. If you require more schedules please contact QHIP on 3328 9888.

Further information and recommendations of the ATAGI regarding the administration of seasonal influenza can be found on the following website:

<http://www.healthemergency.gov.au/internet/healthemergency/publishing.nsf/content/national-vaccination-program#atagi>

Yours sincerely

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