

Health **FAX**

Health Canada review is complete: Fluad and Agriflu can be used for seasonal influenza immunization

Attention: **Physicians, Hospitals, Nurse Practitioners, Long-Term Care Facilities,
Rest & Retirement Homes, Pharmacies & Walk-in Clinics**

Date: October 31, 2012

The Public Health Agency of Canada and Health Canada have completed its review of safety information for Agriflu and Fluad and is now advising healthcare providers to resume the use of these vaccines. Please remove the Do Not Use labels affixed to the doses of Agriflu and Fluad currently stored in your vaccine refrigerators.

Health Canada reviewed its own testing, conducted its own risk assessment, reviewed information from European partners, and data submitted from Novartis: **none of the information reviewed indicated a safety issue.**

Health Canada and Public Health Agency of Canada will continue to monitor the safety and effectiveness of these vaccines as they do with all vaccines.

The appearance of clumping or particles vaccine is not uncommon and does not pose a risk to health. As a reminder to all who administer vaccines please follow manufacturer's directions that include; vaccines should be lightly shaken before administration to prevent separation of vaccine components and allowing vaccine to come to room temperature before use.

We thank you for your continued support of the Universal Influenza Immunization Program.

If you have any questions, please contact the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program or Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 or extension 8806.