

SUBJECT: **INFLUENZA VACCINE – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

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Purpose:

To ensure consistent Nursing practice in determining eligibility for the Influenza vaccine.

Policy/Standard:

- Labrador Grenfell Health supplies Influenza immunization for individuals on the Medical Officer's Health's annual memo identifying high risk groups.
- Regional Nurses will administer Influenza Vaccine to clients on the high risk group, clinic staff, Essential Services workers and "those persons who would be expected by reason of their employment to come in direct contact with infected poultry during culling operations in the event of avian influenza outbreaks" (CCDR, Volume 30, ACS-3, pg.12. When administered to low risk groups, it is at the clients expense.
- Each year prior to administering the Influenza Vaccine, all Regional Nurses must complete a self-directed learning module for Influenza vaccine administration. (This module is a work in progress, contact the Communicable Disease Control Nurse)

Materials Required:

MOH Annual Memo
Consent form for Influenza Vaccine

Reference:

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador (2002, Revised 2003) Newfoundland and Labrador Immunization Manuel, Department of Health and Community Services: St. John's, NL. pp. 5.3-2 to 5.3-3.