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Date: October 15, 2021

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ATTN: Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices
Public Health Nursing Administrators and Assistant Administrators
Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals

**Re: Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2: Immunization,
Introduction & Part 4 – Biological Products**

Introduction

Guidance for Influenza Vaccine Delivery in the Presence of COVID-19

This document has been updated for the 2021-22 influenza season, and includes revisions related to infection prevention and control recommendations per updated Provincial Infection Control Network (PICNet) guidance, including:

- Physical distancing or maintaining a distance of two metres between two or more people is no longer required. However, space arrangement at immunization clinics should ensure that people have enough space available to be respectful of others' personal space.
- Capacity limits for higher occupancy waiting rooms/areas are no longer required, but avoid overcrowding and ensure respectful personal space can be maintained.
- Immunizers, staff and volunteers in an immunization clinic must continue to wear a medical mask, however the use of additional PPE, such as eye protection, should be based on a point-of-care risk assessment, and per additional precautions, where indicated.

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Continuity of Immunization Services During COVID-19

This document has been updated to align with the updated PICNet guidance as described above.

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Part 4 – Biological Products

COVID-19 Vaccines

COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine COMIRNATY™ (Pfizer)

- **Booster Doses:** The preferential use of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for the booster dose has been removed; the associated footnote has been revised to indicate that while there is some evidence of a better antibody response associated with Moderna COVID-19 vaccine in this population, either COVID-19 mRNA vaccine may be used for the booster dose.
- **Adverse Events:** Content related to pericarditis and myocarditis in association with the mRNA vaccines has been updated.

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COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine SPIKEVAX™ (Moderna)

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COVID-19 Vaccine VAXZEVRIA™/COVISHIELD (AstraZeneca/Verity Pharmaceuticals)

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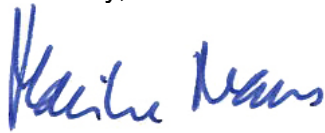
COVID-19 Vaccine (Ad26.COVS [recombinant]) (Janssen Inc.)

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