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Date: July 22, 2022

Administrative Circular: 2022:30

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,
Part 4 – Biological Products & Appendix E – Management of Biologicals**

Part 4 – Biological Products

COVID-19 Vaccines

COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility

- Eligibility criteria for 'pediatric population - 6 months-4 years of age (inclusive)' has been added.
- Preferred vaccines have been included in second booster dose eligibility.
- Appendix B has been updated to include children from 6 months of age.

Please remove page numbers: 1-3 dated July 8, 2022
Please add new page numbers: 1-3 dated July 22, 2022

COVID-19 Vaccine SPIKEVAX™ (Moderna) (6 Years of Age and Older)

- The vial cap colour has been added to the title of the product page to differentiate this product from the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine 6 months to 5 years of age formulation.
- **Administration:**
 - Content for low dead-volume syringes and/or needles has been streamlined.
 - Storage and Handling:
 - Frozen temperature range has been updated to -50°C to -15°C.
 - The vial size is now referred to as a 5 mL vial instead of 10 or 14-dose vials. In addition, content regarding the 14-dose (7 mL US-labelled product) has been removed as all lots of this vaccine have expired.
- **Adverse Events:**
 - Additional content has been added related to reported rates of myocarditis.

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COVID-19 Vaccine SPIKEVAX™ (Moderna) (6 months – 5 years of age)

A new biological product page has been developed.

Please add new page numbers: 1-4 dated July 22, 2022

The [Healthcare Provider Q&A](#) will be updated shortly to include supporting information regarding COVID-19 mRNA vaccines for children (6 months to 4 years).

Please also remove the Title Page and Table of Contents for Part 4 – Biological Products dated June 2022 and replace with the enclosed updated Title Page and Table of Contents dated July 2022.

Appendix E – Management of Biologicals

Guidance for Receiving and Handling the Moderna COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine

- Storage conditions for the frozen vaccine have been updated to -50°C to -15°C.
- Content under 'Thaw each vial before use' has been revised to include thawing times for the 2 different presentations of the vaccine: the 5 mL vial (for those 6 years of age and older) and the 2.5 mL vial (for those 6 months-5 years of age).
- Content referring to the 14-dose US-labelled vial has been removed as all of this product has expired.

Please remove page numbers: 1-4 dated August 10, 2021
Please add new page numbers: 1-4 dated July 22, 2022

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Stephanie Meier, Senior Practice Leader, BCCDC (telephone: 604-707-2577 / email: stephanie.meier@bccdc.ca).

Sincerely,



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