Date: December 23, 2020

Administrative Circular: 2020:28

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

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COVID-19 Vaccines

- A new biological product page has been developed for the Moderna COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine (mRNA-1273).
- Pfizer COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine biological product page has been updated to include:
  - A needle 21-guage or narrower should be used when mixing the vaccine with the diluent.
  - Nausea and vomiting has been added under Adverse Events.
- The three addendums to the COVID-19 mRNA vaccines have been updated and are applicable to both COVID-19 mRNA vaccines:
  - Healthfile (Interim)
  - COVID-19 Vaccine Screening Checklist
  - After Care Sheet

Please remove the following pages:

- COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech): pages 1-3 dated December 13, 2020
- Healthfile (Interim): pages 1-2 dated December 14, 2020
- Vaccine Screening Checklist: page 1 dated December 14, 2020
- After Care Sheet: pages 1-2 dated December 21, 2020
Please add the following pages:

- **COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine (Moderna):** pages 1-2 dated December 23, 2020
- **COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech):** pages 1-3 dated December 23, 2020
- **Healthfile (Interim):** pages 1-2 dated December 23, 2020
- **Vaccine Screening Checklist:** page 1 dated December 23, 2020
- **After Care Sheet:** pages 1-2 dated December 23, 2020

Please also remove the Title Page and Table of Contents for Part 4 – Biological Products dated December 14, 2020, and replace with the enclosed updated Title Page and Table of Contents dated December 23, 2020.

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