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**ATTN:** Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices  
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Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals

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

## **Part 4 – Biological Products**

### **COVID-19 Vaccines**

#### **COVID-19 mRNA Vaccines**

- The product page for the Moderna COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine (mRNA-1273) has been revised to indicate that:
  - A thawing time of 2 hours and 30 minutes is required when the vaccine is moved from the freezer to the refrigerator.
  - The vaccine can be pre-loaded into a syringe for up to 6 hours.
- The After Care Sheet has been revised to include nausea and vomiting as other symptoms that may occur following receipt of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine.

#### **Please remove the following pages:**

- **COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine (Moderna):** pages 1-2 dated December 23, 2020
- **After Care Sheet:** pages 1-2 dated December 23, 2020

#### **Please add the following pages:**

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

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