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

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:

- COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine (Moderna): pages 1-2 dated December 29, 2020
- After Care Sheet: pages 1-2 dated December 29, 2020
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