Date: March 10, 2021  Administrative Circular: 2021:09

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

Part 4 – Biological Products
COVID-19 Vaccines

COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine mRNA-1273 (Moderna)
- Axillary lymphadenopathy has been added under Adverse Events.

Please remove page numbers: 1-4 dated March 2021
Please add new page numbers: 1-4 dated March 10, 2021

COVID-19 Vaccination After Care Sheet
- The COVID-19 Vaccine After Care Sheet has been replaced with a more public-friendly
  version. The new COVID-19 Vaccination After Care Sheet is currently being translated
  into several languages.

Please remove page numbers: 1-2 dated March 2021
Please add new page numbers: 1-2 (no date)

Appendix E: Management of Biologicals
Guidance for Receiving and Handling the Moderna COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine
- An addendum to Appendix E – Management of Biologicals has been added for further
  guidance on receiving and handling the Moderna COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine.

Please add new page numbers: 1-4 dated March 10, 2021
Guidance for Receiving and Handling the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine (including dry ice procedures)

- The section Temperature Requirements for Shipping and Storage Upon Receipt of the Vaccine has been revised to include that the vaccine can be stored for up to 2 weeks -25°C to -15°C.
- A section on Cold Chain Maintenance has been added.
- A section has been added on thawing the vaccine.
- The Resources section has been updated to include additional resources.

Please remove page numbers: 1-11 dated December 23, 2020
Please add new page numbers: 1-12 dated March 10, 2021

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,

Monika Naus MD MHSc FRCPC FACPM  
Medical Director  
Communicable Diseases & Immunization Service  
BC Centre for Disease Control

pc:  
Provincial Health Officer  
Dr. Bonnie Henry  

BC Ministry of Health, Population & Public Health Division:  
Brian Sagar  
Senior Director Communicable Disease, Population and Public Health Division

Dr. Reka Gustafson  
Vice President, Public Health & Wellness, PHSA & Deputy Provincial Health Officer

Deputy Provincial Health Officer  
Dr. Martin Lavoie  

Bernard Achampong  
Executive Director, Public Health, Planning and Prevention, Population and Public Health Division