Date: July 12, 2021    Administrative Circular: 2021:28

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 & Part 5 - Adverse Events Following Immunization

Part 4 – Biological Products

COVID-19 Vaccines

COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine BNT162b2 (Pfizer)

Precautions:

- The recommendation to defer the second dose of mRNA COVID-19 vaccine for those who experience myocarditis or pericarditis following the first dose has been updated to clarify this event as ‘physician-diagnosed’ myocarditis or pericarditis. Further guidance has also been added to indicate that deferral is not required for those with a prior history of myocarditis or pericarditis that is unrelated to COVID-19 mRNA vaccines.

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COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine mRNA-1273 (Moderna)

Precautions:

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Part 5: Adverse Events Following Immunization

Information regarding the Canadian Vaccine Injury Support Program has been added in Section 13.

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

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