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Date: September 14, 2021

Administrative Circular: 2021:35

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 Vaccine BNT162b2 (Pfizer)

The product page has been revised as follows:

- **Doses and Schedules:**
 - Content has been added regarding the provision of a third dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine to individuals who are severely immunosuppressed for completion of a 3-dose primary vaccine series. Moderna COVID-19 vaccine is preferentially recommended for the third dose, however if unavailable, the Pfizer-BioNtech COVID-19 vaccine may be provided.

Please remove page numbers: 1-6 dated August 31, 2021
Please add new page numbers: 1-6 dated September 14, 2021

COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine mRNA-1273 (Moderna)

The product page has been revised as follows:

- **Doses and Schedules:**
 - Content has been added regarding the provision of a third dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine to individuals who are severely immunosuppressed for completion of a 3-dose primary vaccine series. Moderna COVID-19 vaccine is preferentially recommended for the third dose, however if unavailable, the Pfizer-BioNtech COVID-19 vaccine may be provided.

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Please add new page numbers: 1-5 dated September 14, 2021

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COVID-19 Vaccine (ChAdOx1-S [recombinant]) (AstraZeneca/Verity Pharmaceuticals)

The product page has been revised as follows:

- **Doses and Schedules:**

- Content has been added regarding the provision of a third dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine to individuals who are severely immunosuppressed for completion of a 3-dose primary vaccine series. Moderna COVID-19 vaccine is preferentially recommended for the third dose, however if unavailable, the Pfizer-BioNtech COVID-19 vaccine may be provided.

Please remove page numbers: 1-4 dated June 18, 2021
Please add new page numbers: 1-5 dated September 14, 2021

COVID-19 Vaccine (Ad26.COVS.S [recombinant]) (Janssen Inc.)

The product page has been revised as follows:

- **Doses and Schedules:**

- Content has been added to include the provision of an additional dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine to individuals who are severely immunosuppressed and received Janssen COVID-19 vaccine for completion of a 2-dose primary vaccine series. Moderna COVID-19 vaccine is preferentially recommended for the second dose, however if unavailable, the Pfizer-BioNtech COVID-19 vaccine may be provided.

Please remove page numbers: 1-4 dated June 3, 2021
Please add new page numbers: 1-4 dated September 14, 2021

Influenza Vaccines

Quadrivalent Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (Inactivated Split Virion) (QIIV) FLUZONE® HIGH-DOSE QUADRIVALENT

The product page has been revised as follows:

- **Precautions:**

- Severe oculo-respiratory syndrome (ORS) after a previous dose of influenza vaccine has been added.

Please remove page numbers: 1-2 dated August 2021
Please add new page numbers: 1-2 dated September 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,



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