Date: January 7, 2022  Administrative Circular: 2022:01

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 Vaccine Eligibility
Booster dose eligibility has been updated to indicate for individuals who received a 1-dose Janssen primary series, a booster dose is recommended 2 months later.

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COVID-19 Vaccine VAXZEVRIA™/COVISHIELD (AstraZeneca/Verity Pharmaceuticals)
Booster Doses: Footnote A has been updated to indicate that a booster dose with a viral vector COVID-19 vaccine (i.e., AstraZeneca or Janssen) should only be considered when mRNA COVID-19 vaccines are contraindicated, or if the client refuses an mRNA vaccine.

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COVID-19 Vaccine (Ad26.COV2.S [recombinant]) (Janssen Inc.)
Booster Doses: The recommended time interval between completion of the 1-dose Janssen primary series and the booster dose has been changed from 6 months to 2 months. A COVID-19 mRNA vaccine is the preferred product for the booster dose, however if COVID-19 mRNA vaccines are contraindicated, or if the client refuses an mRNA vaccine, a 0.5 mL booster dose of the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine may be provided.

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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).

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