Date: January 21, 2022

Administrative Circular: 2022:05

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 COMIRNATY® (Pfizer-BioNTech) (Adult/Adolescent)

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Addendum: Post-Immunization Observation Period

Guidance has been developed regarding a reduced post-immunization observation period following administration of third doses of COVID-19 vaccine on a temporary basis during the pandemic. Specific conditions apply and are outlined in this document.

Please also remove the Title Page and Table of Contents for Part 4 – Biological Products dated December 2021 and replace with the enclosed updated Title Page and Table of Contents dated January 2022.

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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