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**Date: March 27, 2023**

**Administrative Circular: 2023:10**

**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 Vaccine Eligibility**

- Eligibility criteria has been added under Booster Dose-Spring 2023 Eligibility criteria for individuals 18 years of age and older with underlying health conditions.
- A consolidated list of underlying health conditions has been added as Appendix C.
- A footnote on page 2 has been modified to include "...those 18 years of age and older who self-declare a recommendation by their health care provider (no attestation letter required), may receive a spring 2023 booster dose at an interval of 6 months from last dose of vaccine or infection whichever was more recent."

**Please remove page numbers: 1-3 dated March 17, 2023**  
**Please add new page numbers: 1-3 dated March 27, 2023**

#### **COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine COMIRNATY® Bivalent (Pfizer-BioNTech) Adult/Adolescent**

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**COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine SPIKEVAX Bivalent™ (Moderna) Original/Omicron**

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**COVID-19 Vaccine NUVAXOVID™ (Novavax)**

Content under ADMINISTRATION has been revised to indicate this product is stable for 12 hours after first vial puncture at +2°C to +25°C or in a pre-loaded syringe.

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The [COVID-19 Vaccine Screening Checklist](#) has been revised to remove reference to screening prior to AstraZeneca vaccine as this product is no longer provided in BC. Please remove version dated February 25, 2022 and replace with the enclosed version dated March 2023.

**Hepatitis Vaccines**

**Hepatitis A Vaccine Indications**

Language for some indications has been revised for clarity and inclusivity. Additional context has been added to footnote B, "Indigenous peoples may be disproportionately affected by hepatitis A disease because of longstanding inequities related to the social determinants of health due to the impacts of colonization."

**Please remove page number:** 1 dated February 2017  
**Please add new page number:** 1 dated March 2023

**Hepatitis A Vaccine: AVAXIM®**

- Avaxim® Pediatric has been removed from this page as the manufacturer is no longer marketing this product in Canada.
- Avaxim® is approved for use in those 12 years of age and older. DOSES AND SCHEDULES have been updated to only indicate the dose and schedule for those 12 years of age and older.

**Please remove page numbers: 1 & 2 dated February 2017**  
**Please add new page number: 1 dated March 2023**

**Hepatitis A Vaccine: HAVRIX® 1440 and HAVRIX® 720 Junior**

The term 'Aboriginal' has been replaced with 'Indigenous.'

**Please remove page numbers: 1 & 2 dated May 2017**  
**Please add new page numbers: 1 & 2 dated March 2023**

**Hepatitis A Vaccine: VAQTA®**

The term 'Aboriginal' has been replaced with 'Indigenous.'

**Please remove page numbers: 1 & 2 dated June 2019**  
**Please add new page numbers: 1 & 2 dated March 2023**

**Please also remove the Title Page and Table of Contents for Part 4 – Biological Products dated March 17, 2023 and replace with the enclosed updated Title Page and Table of Contents dated March 27, 2023.**

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

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