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Date: July 2, 2021

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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:

- **Precautions:**
 - A precaution has been added to indicate that individuals who experience myocarditis or pericarditis following the first dose of vaccine with no other cause identified, should defer the 2nd dose until further information about the risk of recurrence is available. While the majority of the risk appears to be associated with the 2nd dose of mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna), additional information about the association, causal mechanism, and risk of recurrence with 2nd dose in those who experience this event after the 1st dose is expected to accumulate over time.

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Please add new page numbers: 1-6 dated July 2, 2021

COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine mRNA-1273 (Moderna)

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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).

Sincerely,



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