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Date: October 19, 2021 Administrative Circular: 2021:39

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

Influenza Vaccines

2021/22 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Eligibility

Per the recent Ministry of Health announcement indicating that influenza vaccination is free for everyone in B.C. six months and older this year, the eligibility criteria "Anyone else who wishes to reduce their risk of influenza" has been added.

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Supporting Materials

Guidance Document on the Management of Inadvertent Vaccine Errors

Footnote 1 regarding application of the '4-day grace period' when retrospectively reviewing COVID -19 immunization records has been updated to indicate that while such doses may be counted as valid, an additional dose may be offered as optimal protection is obtained when longer intervals are observed.

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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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