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Date: October 28, 2021

Administrative Circular: 2021:40

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)

- **Doses and Schedule:**
 - The dose and schedule for the booster dose has been added.
 - Footnote G has been added to indicate that Health Canada approval for Pfizer (COMIRNATY™) booster dose indications is expected for those 16 years of age and older. A decision to use the vaccine for booster dose for those aged 12-15 years should consider the individual benefits and risks.
 - Footnote H has been updated to indicate that while the minimum interval between completion of the primary series and the booster dose is 28 days, this would apply to a minority of individuals for practical reasons, with consideration of the individual benefits and risks, and should not be used as a routine interval.
- **Booster Doses:**
 - The populations for whom a booster dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine is recommended have been updated.

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COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine SPIKEVAX™ (Moderna)

- **Doses and Schedule:**
 - The dose and schedule for the booster dose has been added. **Note:** for certain populations, the booster dose for the Moderna COVID-19 mRNA vaccine is 0.25 mL, which is half of the volume of a primary series dose.
 - Footnote G has been added to indicate that Health Canada approval for Moderna (SPIKEVAX™) booster dose indications is expected for those 18 years of age and older. A decision to use the vaccine for booster dose for those aged 12-17 years should consider the individual benefits and risks.

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- **Booster Doses:**
 - The populations for whom a booster dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine is recommended have been updated.

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COVID-19 Vaccine VAXZEVRIA™/COVISHIELD (AstraZeneca/Verity Pharmaceuticals)

- **Booster Doses:**
 - The populations for whom a booster dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine is recommended have been updated.
 - Footnote A has been updated to indicate that while the minimum interval between completion of the primary series and the booster dose is 28 days, this would apply to a minority of individuals for practical reasons, with consideration of individual benefits and risks, and should not be used as a routine interval.

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COVID-19 Vaccine (Ad26.COVS.S [recombinant]) (Janssen Inc.)

- **Booster Doses:**
 - The populations for whom a booster dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine is recommended have been updated.
 - Footnote C has been updated to indicate that while the minimum interval between completion of the primary series and the booster dose is 28 days, this would apply to a minority of individuals for practical reasons, with consideration of individual benefits and risks, and should not be used as a routine interval.
- **Contraindications:**
 - History of capillary leak syndrome has been added.

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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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