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Date: November 15, 2021 Administrative Circular: 2021:45

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 Vaccine Eligibility

Booster Dose: The text "and older" has been removed from the following eligibility criteria:

- Indigenous peoples 18-69 years of age
- Individuals 18-69 years of age in rural and remote communities

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COVID-19 Vaccine Screening Checklist

The screening checklist has been updated as follows:

 Question #3 under Contraindications regarding Capillary Leak Syndrome has been updated to include Janssen vaccine.

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Supporting resources:

The World Health Organization (WHO) Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) Qualified COVID-19 Vaccines has been updated to indicate the COVAXIN COVID-19 vaccine (Manufacturer: Bharat Biotech, India) as WHO EUA qualified.

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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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