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Date: April 4, 2022 Administrative Circular: 2022:14

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

- The eligibility table has been updated to indicate that residents of long term care (LTC), alternate level of care clients awaiting placement in LTC, individuals 70 years of age and older, and indigenous persons 55 years of age and older are eligible for a second booster dose at least 6 months after the first booster dose. See the BOOSTER DOSE section of the respective COVID-19 vaccine product pages for more information.
- AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine has been removed from the eligibility list as it is not currently available in BC.

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The following COVID-19 vaccine product pages have been updated to indicate the following:

A second booster dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine *should be* offered to the following individuals at least 6 months after the first booster dose (minimum interval of 4 months):

- o Residents of LTC and alternate level of care clients awaiting placement in LTC
- Residents of assisted living facilities 70 years of age and older (Indigenous persons 55 years of age and older)
- Individuals 80 years of age and older in the community

A second booster dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine *may be* offered to the following individuals at least 6 months after the first booster dose (minimum interval of 4 months):

- o Individuals 70-79 years of age in the community
- o Indigenous persons 55-79 years of age in the community





COVID-19 Vaccine COMIRNATY® (Pfizer-BioNTech) (Adult/Adolescent)

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COVID-19 Vaccine SPIKEVAX™ (Moderna)

NOTE: The dosage for the second booster dose of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine is 0.25 mL (50 mcg) regardless of age or setting.

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

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COVID-19 Vaccine (Ad26.COV2.S [recombinant]) (Janssen Inc.)

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COVID-19 Vaccine Nuvaxovid™ (Novavax)

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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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