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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 & Appendix E – Management of Biologicals**

## **Part 4 – Biological Products**

### **COVID-19 Vaccines**

#### **COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility**

- Pfizer vaccine (3 mcg) has been added to the pediatric population (6 months – 4 years of age) section. Moderna vaccine (25 mcg) is preferred for this population.
- Minimum interval content has been added to footnote B.

**Please remove page numbers:** 1-3 dated September 14, 2022

**Please add new page numbers:** 1-3 dated September 23, 2022

#### **COVID-19 Vaccine COMIRNATY® (Pfizer-BioNTech) 5-11 years of age (Orange Vial Cap)**

Title of this page has been changed from 'pediatric presentation' to '5-11 years of age presentation' to help differentiate it from the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for children 6 months to 4 years of age.

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#### **COVID-19 Vaccine COMIRNATY® (Pfizer-BioNTech) 6 months to 4 years of age (Maroon Vial Cap)**

- A new biological product page has been developed for COMIRNATY® (Pfizer-BioNTech) 6 months to 4 years of age.
- This vaccine is supplied with a maroon vial cap and maroon label border.
- This vaccine is provided as a 3 dose primary series with 8 weeks between doses.
- This product will only be available by special request.

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Please also remove the Title Page and Table of Contents for Part 4 – Biological Products dated September 2022, and replace with the enclosed updated Title Page and Table of Contents dated September 23, 2022.

The [COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine Comparison Table](#) has been updated. The updated resource will be posted on the [COVID-19 vaccination toolkit for health professionals](#) under General COVID-19 vaccine information.

### Appendix E – Management of Biologicals

#### Guidance for Receiving and Handling the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine (including dry ice procedures)

Content for the vaccine presentation for those 6 months – 4 years of age has been added under “Temperature Requirements for Shipping and Storage upon Receipt of the Vaccine”.

**Please remove page numbers:** 1-13 dated July 29 & August 26, 2022  
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