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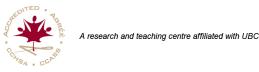
Re: Revisions to the Interim Guidance: Public Health Management of cases and contacts associated with novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the community

Please replace the following section from the Communicable Disease Control Chapter 1: Communicable Disease Control: Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) - Interim Guidelines (June 10, 2021) with the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) - Interim Guidelines (July 16, 2021)

The main changes are:

- 1. the reduction of quarantine duration from 14 days to 10 days for close contacts, but continuation of self-monitoring for 14 days (Tables 3 and 4)
- 2. the elimination of quarantine requirement for close contacts with prior history of infection and one dose of vaccine, and (Table 3), and
- 3. the addition of a link to WHO-approved vaccines; this link is also available here: http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID-19 vaccine/WHO-EUA-qualified-covid-vaccines.pdf





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These guidelines are posted at: <u>Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Interim Guidelines (July 16, 2021)</u>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at mayank.singal@bccdc.ca Sincerely,

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