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Date: December 22, 2025 Administrative Circular: 2025:19

**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 2 – Immunization of Special Populations & Part 4 – Biological Products

## Part 2 – Immunization of Special Populations

#### Solid Organ or Islet Cell Transplant (Candidate or Recipient)

Clarified that when a second dose of influenza vaccine is recommended, it is publicly funded.

Please remove page numbers: 1-5 dated August 2025

Please add new page numbers: 1-5 dated December 2025

### Part 4 – Biological Products

#### Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Monoclonal Antibody: BEYFORTUS® (nirsevimab)

- DOSES AND SCHEDULE: Footnote added to indicate that, as an exception and to avoid delays in dosing at this point in the RSV season, an infant without any of the chronic health conditions listed under 2<sup>nd</sup> season criteria who was expected to receive a 50 mg dose based on estimated weight at booking, but who weighs between 5 and 6.5 kg at the time of presentation, may receive a 50 mg dose if a 100 mg dose is not readily available.
- SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS: Added guidance to administer product as soon as
  possible after the eligible infant is discharged from hospital to maximize benefit if the
  product was not received in hospital.

Please remove page numbers: 1-3 dated October 2025

Please add new page numbers: 1-3 dated December 2025

The <u>BC Infant Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Immunoprophylaxis Program Q&A</u> has been updated and can be found on the <u>BCCDC Immunization Clinical Resources</u> page.

The <u>Early measles vaccine recommendations for areas in BC</u> document has been updated to include recommendations for an early first dose for individuals 6-11 months of age living in Prince George. The link for this document is embedded within <u>Part 4 – Biological Products</u>, MMR® II, Priorix® and MMRVaxPro®.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Julene Cranch, Senior Practice Leader, BCCDC (telephone: 604-707-2555 / email: <u>julene.cranch@bccdc.ca</u>)

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