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Date: March 31, 2021

Administrative Circular: 2021:13

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 mRNA Vaccine BNT162b2 (Pfizer-BioNTech)

- ADMINISTRATION has been revised to indicate that:
 - The vaccine should be allowed to come to room temperature prior to dilution.
 - The contents of the vaccine should be allowed to settle for 20 seconds after the final inversion.

Please remove page numbers: 1-5 dated March 2021
Please add new page numbers: 1-5 dated March 31, 2021

AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD COVID-19 Vaccine Aftercare Sheet

- An aftercare sheet has been developed specifically for the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD COVID-19 vaccines. This aftercare sheet should be provided to recipients of these vaccines. The aftercare sheet includes information regarding rare side effects (blood clots and/or bleeding) of the vaccine that have been reported in Europe. A list of symptoms for which vaccine recipients should seek immediate medical attention has been included.

Please add new page numbers: 1-2 dated March 2021

Please also remove the Title Page and Table of Contents for Part 4 – Biological Products dated March 2021, and replace with the enclosed updated Title Page and Table of Contents dated March 31, 2021.

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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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