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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 mRNA Vaccine SPIKEVAX Bivalent™ (Moderna) Original/Omicron BA.4/5

Content under INDICATIONS has been revised as this vaccine is now approved by Health Canada for use as a booster dose in individuals 6 years of age and older. The associated footnotes have also been removed.

**Please remove page numbers: 1-4 dated March 27, 2023
Please add new page numbers: 1-4 dated May 2023**

Mpox Vaccine

Smallpox and Mpox Vaccine (Live attenuated, non-replicating): IMVAMUNE®

- Content under ADMINISTRATION has been updated to indicate that once thawed, the vaccine can be stored in the refrigerator at +2°C to +8°C for up to two months.
- The guidance to wait for a period of at least 14 days between administration of IMVAMUNE® and another live or inactivated vaccine has been removed from SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS. IMVAMUNE® can be co-administered or given at any time before or after other live or inactivated vaccines.

**Please remove page numbers: 1-4 dated January 2023
Please add new page numbers: 1-4 dated May 2023**

The [COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine Comparison Table](#) and the [Mpox \(Monkeypox\) Vaccine Client Information Sheet](#) have also been revised.

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Appendix E – Management of Biologicals

Guidance for Receiving and Handling the Moderna COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine

Content referring to the Moderna COVID-19 mRNA vaccine for those 6 years of age and older and the Moderna bivalent Original/Omicron vaccine has been removed as these products are no longer available in Canada.

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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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