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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**

## **Part 4 – Biological Products**

### **COVID-19 Vaccines**

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

An additional footnote has been added “for those 12 years of age and older who are unwilling or unable to receive a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine, the Novavax COVID-19 XBB.1.5 vaccine may be provided.”

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**Please add new page numbers: 1-3 dated December 2023**

#### **COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine COMIRNATY® Omicron XBB.1.5 (Pfizer-BioNTech) 5-11 Years of Age**

An additional footnote has been added to indicate “children who initiated COVID-19 vaccination at 4 years of age and turn 5 years of age prior to completion of primary series (i.e., 1 or 2 dose(s)) should receive 1 dose of COVID-19 mRNA vaccine at least 8 weeks after their last dose.”

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**COVID-19 Vaccine Nuvaxovid™ XBB.1.5 (Novavax)**

A new product page has been added for this vaccine. This product is approved for use in those 12 years of age and older.

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**Please also remove the Title Page and Table of Contents for Part 4 – Biological Products dated November 2023 and replace with the enclosed updated Title Page and Table of Contents dated December 2023.**

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