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**Date: December 23, 2020**

**Administrative Circular: 2020:28**

**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**

- A new biological product page has been developed for the Moderna COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine (mRNA-1273).
- Pfizer COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine biological product page has been updated to include:
  - A needle 21-gauge or narrower should be used when mixing the vaccine with the diluent.
  - Nausea and vomiting has been added under Adverse Events.
- The three addendums to the COVID-19 mRNA vaccines have been updated and are applicable to both COVID-19 mRNA vaccines:
  - Healthfile (Interim)
  - COVID-19 Vaccine Screening Checklist
  - After Care Sheet

**Please remove the following pages:**

- **COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech):** pages 1-3 dated December 13, 2020
- **Healthfile (Interim):** pages 1-2 dated December 14, 2020
- **Vaccine Screening Checklist:** page 1 dated December 14, 2020
- **After Care Sheet:** pages 1-2 dated December 21, 2020

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**Please add the following pages:**

- **COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine (Moderna):** pages 1-2 dated December 23, 2020
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**Please also remove the Title Page and Table of Contents for Part 4 – Biological Products dated December 14, 2020, and replace with the enclosed updated Title Page and Table of Contents dated December 23, 2020.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Stephanie Meier, Senior Practice Leader, BCCDC (telephone: 604-707-2577 / email: [stephanie.meier@bccdc.ca](mailto:stephanie.meier@bccdc.ca)).

Sincerely,



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