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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 1: Communicable Disease Control: COVID-19 Interim Guidelines

Please replace the following section from the Communicable Disease Control Chapter 1: Communicable Disease Control: COVID-19 Interim Guidelines (December 15, 2021) with the COVID-19 Interim Guidelines (December 24, 2021).

The main changes are:

1. The definition of 'fully immunized' has been updated to include "14 days or more following completion of a 1-dose COVID-19 primary series (i.e., Janssen COVID-19 vaccine)".
2. Cases who test positive by rapid testing will be recommended to report these results to public health. The process for reporting is currently under development and more details will be available on the [BCCDC website](#).
3. The allowance for cases to self-manage the identification and notification of close contacts. The following resources are available on the [BCCDC website](#) to support this process:
 - [I tested positive for COVID-19](#)
 - [Instructions for close contacts](#)
4. Content has been added to emphasize that all contacts should avoid individuals who are at higher risk for severe COVID-19 and high risk settings for 14 days after last being exposed to COVID-19 *regardless* of vaccination/recent infection status.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at Mayank.singal@bccdc.ca

Sincerely,

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